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Mr Nixon calls Vice-President to White House as upport collapses

ce-President Ford was summoned to the White ouse yesterday, the day after he made a speech which he said the erosion of confidence in the nerican Government had reached crisis proportions. He spoke with Mr Nixon for an hour, t it was stated that the possibility of the esident's resignation was not discussed.

e list of Republican Senators calling on Mr xon to go grew yesterday, and more newspers which endorsed his candidacy for the sidency demanded his impeachment or ignation.

Iore senators call for esignation from office

m Patrick Brogan
shington, May 10

ice-President Gerald Ford, was summoned to the White se today after his warning erosion of public confidence reached crisis proportions, at an hour with President on. A statement afterwards, ever, said that the two men not discuss the possibility of Nixon resigning.

lr Ford "knows very well President's intention and ings on the matter and that President intends to come his term", the press secre- said.

ice-President Ford himself later that the question of President's resignation did come up directly. "I could r that he had no intention esigning", he said.

Ir Nixon, however, is now ler more intense pressure n ever before to resign. ublican leaders in both ises of Congress are saying nly that he should resign or, it comes to the same thing, the national and party rest would be served by his ignation.

Ir Nixon's spokesmen cone to affirm on every occasion t the President has no inten- of resigning and will serve his term. Mr Spiro Agnew, s remembered, continued to y that he would leave the e-Presidency right up to the moment.

wo things have driven the sident back against the wall: release of the White House iscripts and the opening of impeachment hearings by House of Representatives imittee on the judiciary. ryone has had time to read transcripts now and it seems many influential people e concluded from their read- that Mr Nixon is guilty of main charges made against

enator Marlow Cook, of Kenty, today became the fourth ublican Senator to call for President's resignation. He acing a difficult reelection paign this year and clearly siders Mr Nixon's presence he White House a handicap. enator Richard Schweiker, Pennsylvania, is also up for reelection this year and yesterday sent a letter to the President advising him to resign. He wrote: "After reading the edited tape transcripts, I am writing to ask you to resign your office.

"The transcripts reveal a total disregard for the moral and ethical values upon which this nation was built."

The collapse of the President's support in Congress is particularly significant because of the impeachment proceedings. The representatives and senators will have to vote on Mr Nixon's guilt or innocence. The proceedings will be long, agonizing and sensational. There are already leaks out of the supposedly closed hearings of the judiciary committee (which has 38 members) and in a week the hearings will go public.

The television networks will broadcast them live and they are likely to be yet more dramatic than the Ervin committee hearings which dominated America last summer. They may destroy the last shreds of Mr Nixon's authority.

In his broadcast on April 29, Mr Nixon said: "The action of the House in voting a formal accusation requiring trial by the Senate would put the nation through a wrenching ordeal it has endured only once in its lifetime, a century ago, and never since America has become a world power.

"The impact of such an ordeal would be felt throughout the world, and it would have its effect on the lives of all Americans for years to come."

There is no doubt that the President is right. The impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives will dominate the news at least until the end of July and will in all probability then go to the Senate.

Staunchly Republican newspapers like the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Tribune* have come out in the past couple of days with demands that the President resign. Practically every newspaper in the country has published the transcripts in their entirety, or long extracts of them, and the overwhelming mass of comment has been highly critical.

Hostages murdered as police storm jail

Genoa, May 10.—Four people were killed today when the police stormed Alessandria prison north of Genoa, where three convicts had barricaded themselves inside the hospital wing with 16 hostages in an attempt to obtain their freedom.

The dead included three hostages—a woman social worker who had her throat slit, and two prison guards.

One of the three convicts, Domenico Dibona, was also killed. Cesare Concu, the ringleader in the escope attempt, was critically injured together with the third prisoner, Everaldo Levrero.

A prison guard was very seriously wounded while about a dozen other hostages suffered superficial or less serious injuries.

"It was a bloodbath", one shaken official said on leaving the prison.

According to one report, the shooting seems to have started when the prisoners were preparing to board a minibus put at their disposal in accordance with their demands.

The police lobbed in a barrage of tear gas grenades and opened fire, while the prisoners retaliated by opening up on the hostages. All reports coming out of the jail were extremely confused.

When the sound of gunfire had died away, two bodies hidden under white sheets were carried out on stretchers.

A large and increasingly angry crowd had packed the area outside the jail before the assault. Shouts were heard demanding that the convicts be lynched.

The three convicts, two of them murderers and the other an armed robber, killed a prison doctor and wounded another hostage critically in the head when police made a first attempt to storm the jail yesterday.

According to police, both hostages were shot in the back of the head, after their hands and feet had been bound.

The prisoners had demanded a minibus and police escort to drive them 185 miles to freedom. At one point they delivered an ultimatum that they would start killing one hostage every half hour but the time limit passed and they extended the ultimatum.

Earlier in the day the prisoners released one of 17 persons they were holding at the time.

The long drama began yesterday morning when the convicts barricaded themselves and their hostages in bathrooms in the hospital wing.

The police prepared a getaway car for the men in accordance with their demands but as the hours ticked by today the convicts appeared to be uncertain whether to make their break for freedom.

Sharpshooters and police wearing bullet-proof vests waited for an attempt by the convicts to make a dash for it with their hostages.

The convicts appeared increasingly nervous and told reporters who were allowed to speak to them: "We are tired. We are in a hurry, we are not going to wait any longer. Make up your minds—and quickly."

They added: "We know that sooner or later you will kill us but we will try to escape all the same. Even if one of us is killed there will always be two left and we will sell our lives dearly."—Reuter and UPI.

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Mr Short says he did not know of Smith link with builders

By Christopher Sweeney

In a letter to *The Times* today Mr Edward Short, Leader of the House of Commons, says that in 1963 [when he accepted £250 from Mr T. Dan Smith] he did not know there was any connexion between Mr Smith and Crudens, the construction company at the centre of dispute involving building contracts.

Mr Short also denies that he acted improperly by intervening in the affair or that he attempted to secure the Newcastle building contract for the company. In the letter Mr Short says that his "extremely limited" intervention was designed solely to help his constituents". I acted in perfectly good faith in the interests of my own people and I hope I shall always do so."

He says that at the time he did not know of the declared or undeclared interest of Mr Smith, a former local councillor recently jailed for corruption, in the Crudens contract.

"What I did know was that at a Labour group meeting in July, 1963, Mr Smith denied emphatically to his colleagues that he had any interest at all in Crudens. Councillor Walter Wilson, who was present, confirmed this to me only this week, and added that Mr Smith threatened to sue anyone who alleged that he had such a connexion."

Mr Short points out that the detail of Mr Smith's interests in Crudens "is and was obscure". It was true, however, that Mr Smith declared an interest in the company in July, 1962, at a meeting of the housing committee, Mr Short continues, although this interest, he was told, then concerned a "small painting contract that Mr Smith's decorating company held from Crudens".

Because of the denials from Mr Smith, Mr Short says that he did not know of the connexion. "I was naturally not present at the meeting of the housing committee in July, 1962, and the minutes of the meeting which record the declaration were not available other than to committee members.

"The fact that Mr Smith was able to deny any interest in Crudens at the July meeting of the Labour group in 1963, a year after the declared interest and five months after the start of the Cladan contract (between Mr Smith's firm and Crudens), is surely evidence enough that Mr Smith's close council colleagues were unaware of the position. In these circumstances it is all the more unlikely that I myself could have known of it."

Mr Short says that "allegations" in a leading article in *The Times* on May 7 were untrue. "In this you allege that I used my best endeavours on behalf of the Crudens contract on at least three separate occasions, two of them when I was acting specifically as a member of Parliament, without disclosing that I had accepted an offer of money from a public relations firm although I may have known that the firm, or its principal, was acting for Crudens. This is not true."

Mr Short says that his Commons question in June, 1963, to Sir Keith Joseph, then Housing Minister, about the Crudens contract was not designed to help the company or put pressure on the ministry to reverse its decision not to give loan sanction to the project. "A simple reading of *Hansard* . . . would confirm that in fact I told the minister that he might have been right in refusing loan sanction to the scheme on planning grounds."

Mr Short adds that the three instances when he acted in relation to the contract were not attempts to help Crudens. "At no point did I myself give any opinion on the merits of the Crudens tender." The letter also denies that there was any evidence to suggest that the contract had been improperly awarded to the company in the first place.

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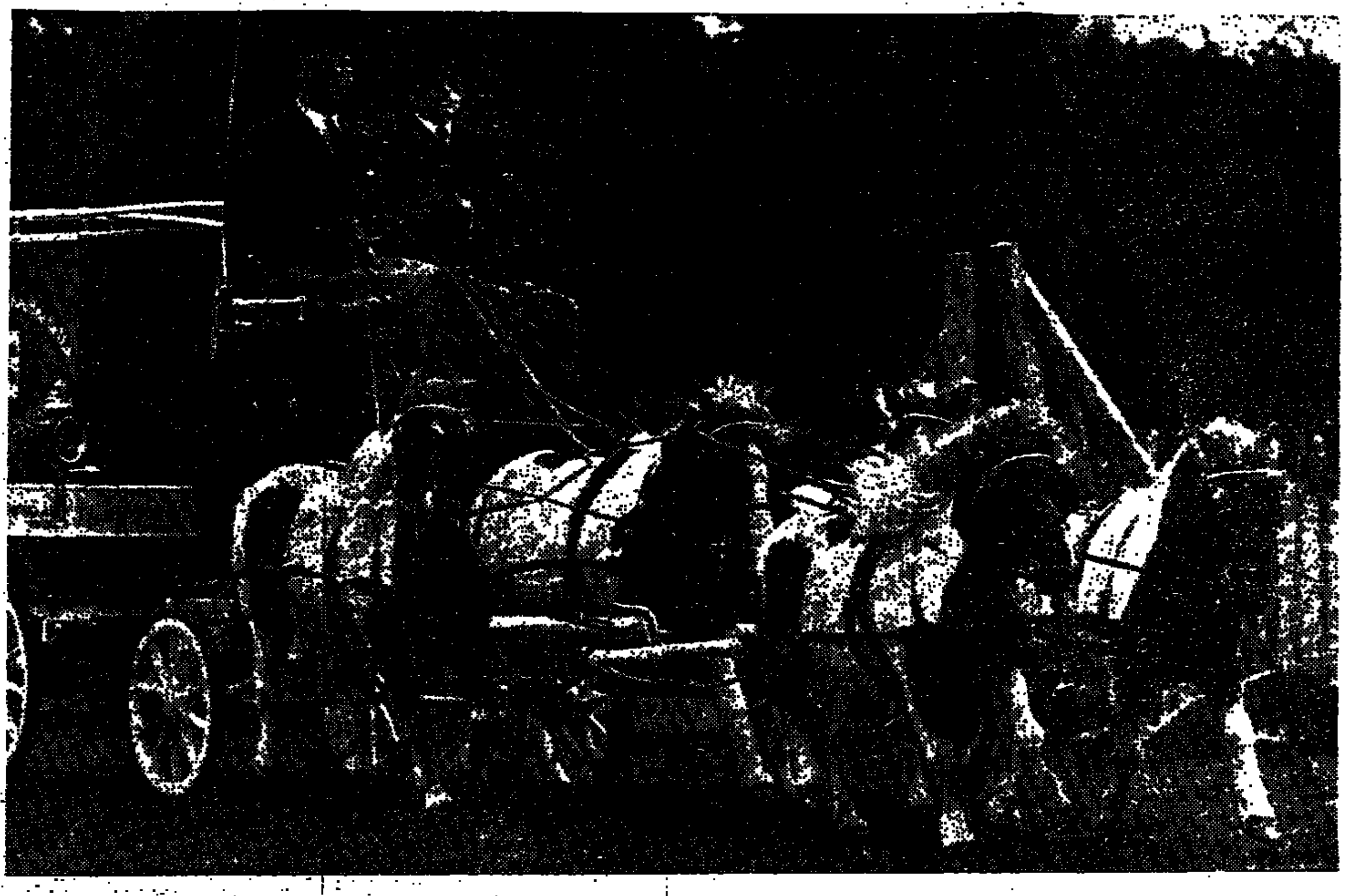

A team of Shetlands showing its paces at the Windsor Royal Horse Show yesterday as it was driven in the ring by Mr Bassett for the Trade and Agricultural Light Turnout. The team was entered by Automobile Consultants, of Banstead, Surrey.

Closed shop may stay despite law, judge admits

The fight by Mr Joseph Langston, a dismissed car worker, to get back his job at Chryslers received a setback at the National Industrial Relations Court yesterday.

Sir John Donaldson, e court's president, said he understood Mr Langston's feelings about reengagement. He added: "The plain fact is that no industrial tribunal could possibly, in the general climate which exists, recommend that Chryslers, as good employers, ought to take you back."

Mr Langston would no doubt say that such a recommendation ought to be made "to uphold the principle". Sir John continued. "But industrial tribunals do not make orders to uphold principles. They make orders to try to produce good industrial relations, and if you were to go back to Chryslers it could not improve industrial relations."

Mr Langston replied that Sir John was suggesting that a closed shop could be operated irrespective of the law. Sir John said: "That may be the fact."

Mr Langston was dismissed by Chryslers because workers at the company, which has an agreement for 100 per cent union membership, refused to work with Mr Langston when he resigned from the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. He was suspended on full pay for 15 months before eventually losing his job. He wants the court to recommend the company to take him back.

Mr Langston told the court yesterday that he was not claiming compensation from the union, against which he has made allegations of unfair industrial practice. He wants the court to give him a declaration that he was legally entitled not to be a member of any of the unions recognized by Chryslers.

Armed with a judgment of the Court of Appeal, in which Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, spoke of a worker's right to work, Mr Langston is asserting that if such a right exists the court has a duty to recommend that he be reengaged by Chryslers.

Before the hearing is resumed on Monday Mr Langston will discuss with Department of Employment conciliation officers how much compensation Chryslers should pay him for unfair dismissal.

Two top IRA men captured in flat in fashionable Belfast suburb

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

An attractive £50,000 house surrounded by rose gardens and well tended lawns in the most fashionable, middle-class area of Belfast turned out yesterday to have contained the Provisional IRA's tactical headquarters in the city. In a raid on the house shortly after lunchtime, the police and the Army not only uncovered a wealth of maps, plans and documents, but also found the most senior IRA officer in Belfast, dressed as befitted a man in such opulent circumstances in a smart new pinstripe three-piece suit.

Later, two police constables were shot dead at almost point-blank range as they walked their beat on the Lisburn road four miles from the centre of Belfast. The two RUC men, both from Dunmurry police station, were at a cross roads last night when three men carrying guns stepped from a parked car.

Two of the men walked up to the policemen and opened fire with a sub-machinegun and a pistol. As the constables fell to the pavement only a few yards from a local cinema, the men ran to the car and drove off. The vehicle was seen travelling towards the Roman Catholic Andersonstown housing estate but crashed. The men made off on foot.

The Army had apparently received information during the morning that Mr Brendan Hughes, the IRA's Belfast brigade commander, was living in a downstairs flat at the house, in Myrtlefield Park, with Mr Denis Loughlan, another senior Provisional officer. The two men were taken completely by surprize. Neither offered any resistance and last night they were being interrogated

Myrtlefield Park runs off the Malone Road, one of the most select districts in Belfast, where several of the city's leading businessmen, lawyers and politicians live. The house at number 64 is divided into flats and none of the other residents knew that the man they must have passed in the drive was Mr Hughes.

That was scarcely surprising because the photographs of him on police files, showing a roughly shaven man with long, scraggy hair, bore little resemblance to the well dressed young man of 26 arrested yesterday.

The Army's satisfaction at

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London rail call for 'miners' rise'

By Michael Baily

Drivers and guards on London's rail commuter service may get pay rises of 20 to 30 per cent to halt the decline in services caused by staff shortages.

Mr Robert Reid, chairman of the Southern Region, called yesterday for a "miners-style" pay deal to attract and retain 4,000 men needed to restore south London commuter services to their proper level.

British Rail headquarters in Marylebone confirmed that talks were being held with the Pay Board which could lead to a three-part pay deal amounting to up to £10 a week for some staff—about £3 under the "annual round" offer already made by the board; £3 to £4 under the £55m restructuring proposals; and about £3 in special London allowance.

wo-thirds rise r night te electricity

Michael Horsnell

ight rate electricity charges rise by two thirds, Mr Eadie, iamentary Under-Secretary tate at the Department of rgy, said yesterday.

ie rise in the special white er tariff, which consumers storage radiators pay, will bout 0.3p a unit and follows Healey's announcement in March budget of a price inse in electricity.

ie rise is being applied illy to the off-peak rate and ie standard rate, so that proionately the cheaper tariff ers most.

hough the rate will vary ng the regional boards, the of each unit will rise from ghly 0.45p to 0.75p. The idard rate is going up from o 1.3p, a 30 per cent increase.

i a Commons written reply Eadie said: "The percent increase in the bills of most sumers, however, will be subtially smaller than the ease in their night rates." ugh the rise had been exed it drew an angry response i consumers.

he Consumers Association : "It obviously now means it storage heaters are one of most expensive forms of ing in the home. They are e expensive than gas convec- heaters."

he Electricity Council said: iis is related to the extra for fuel which the electri- supply industry has faced ecent months. This is passon to the customer his share he increase. This does not in your bill goes up 70 per

he electricity boards do not pt that night storage heaters lose their popularity bese of the increase.

astern Electricity said: ght storage radiators remain very competitive form of ting in the home. The units still cheap in relation to the nal day units."

he increased cost to houseis using both day and night s is expected to be about per cent.

Five Dutch missionaries say Portuguese security forces got rid of murdered blacks in mass graves

New Mozambique massacre reported

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

An account of terrorism and massacres in recent months in Mozambique has come to *The Times* from five Dutch missionaries of the Sacred Hearts Congregation at Bavel, in the Netherlands. The five men were working at the mission centre of Inhaminga in Mozambique until March this year, when they decided that their mission could no longer do its work usefully.

The account is in the form of a memorandum dated May 4, compiled from a diary of the most important events between August, 1973, and March, 1974. It is signed by the five authors, Father A. P. J. Martens; Father Antonio Verdaasdonk; Father J. M. van Rijen; Andre van Kampen, a religious brother; and Joao Tielemans, a lay mission helper. All five declare solemnly that the facts have been truthfully recorded.

They also say that the names of still surviving Africans have been replaced by fictitious names. The true names have been written down and the list is held among the archives of the Sacred Hearts Congregation.

Their work at Inhaminga, they say, was made absolutely impossible in the end by drastic restrictions on their freedom of movement. They feel it a duty to speak out, all the more because the ecclesiastic authorities in Mozambique have neglected to denounce these and other injustices against the African people.

The account begins with the wounding of two Portuguese by Frelimo guerrillas some 30 miles from Inhaminga in July, 1973, followed by maltreatment by the Army of the local head man, who was hung by his feet from a tree during interrogation. Fourteen young men from Nhansol, a mission outpost, then fled into the forest to the Frelimo guerrillas in one day.

Minor Frelimo attacks were followed then by further maltreatment of the African population by the security forces and during August and September the missionaries received reports of increased training by Frelimo, whose influence grew. By the end of the year attacks on trains had thrown the white population into panic.

By January the security forces, the Direcçao Geral de Segurança, had taken up residence at Inhaminga. Interrogations included the use of electric shocks on the more sensitive parts of the victims' bodies, some of whom were children.

On January 23, after a Frelimo attack on the barracks at Inhaminga, two African workmen passing early next morning were shot and their bodies left as a warning. The mission was searched thoroughly without any incriminating result after accusations by the white population. The missionaries were then confined to the village.

Throughout February Frelimo attacks and increasingly brutal reprisals continued. On February 18 the security forces at Inhaminga wished to get rid of some of their prisoners. Thirty-five Africans were taken by lorry by the Army on the road running behind Inhaminga hospital in the direction of Thombo la Mphale and Massandza. A bulldozer cut through the forest in the same direction and dug a huge pit in which the Africans were shot and buried. On February 20 a further 30 Africans were shot and buried there, and on February 23 48 more.

Among those murdered were a mission teacher, Luanga Manuel Chomkhe, from Dimba. The missionaries identified 10 others.

On March 7 a commando unit killed five Frelimo fighters and captured two prisoners. A head man named Pangacha was then taken from prison to identify the bodies and the prisoners, but refused, although two of the dead were his own sons. His daughter was then brought and identified them. She and her father were later shot, the head man being still alive when buried in the mass grave.

From March 7 large-scale operations were then carried out in the region with helicopters and bombers, but with little result. A great many Africans fled into the forest. Napalm was used.

On March 16 Father Martens, the Mission Superior, and his colleagues, decided to close the mission. Their reasons stated in the memorandum were that the Africans could not speak of the injustices they had suffered. The missionaries must, therefore, denounce them publicly. The official church, except for Mgr Manuel Vieira Pinto, the Bishop of Nampula, did nothing.

Michael Knipe writes from Lourenço Marques: General da Costa Gomes, second man in the Lisbon military junta, arrived in Mozambique today and promised to define in detail what the junta means by self-determination "in the Portugal of the new era".

Reading a prepared statement at the airport, he said his visit was designed to show that the junta intended to continue supporting firmly "its brothers overseas".

Our New York Correspondent writes: A five-man team to investigate the reports of a massacre by Portuguese troops at Wiriyamu, in Mozambique, was due to leave New York for London today. The group was set up last year by the United Nations General Assembly, after a report of the massacre had originally appeared in *The Times*. They will start their inquiries in London, Madrid and Rome, before going to Africa.

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Karpov shatters Spassky's hope of regaining title

Moscow, May 10.—Boris Spassky, the former world chess champion, will not be meeting Bobby Fischer next year in an attempt to regain his title.

He was defeated tonight in the semi-final of the challenger's tournament by Anatoly Karpov who won the eleventh game and the match by four games to one.

Karpov, aged 22, will now meet his fellow Russian Viktor Korchnoi in the final. These were the moves in today's game with Karpov playing white:

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3	Kt-KB3	P-Q4	21	P-K4	B-R6
4	Kt-B3	B-K2	22	R-K1	PxP
5	B-Kt5	P-KR3	23	Kt(B3) xKP	Q-Kt3
6	B-R4	O-O	24	B-R5	Q-R2
7	P-K3	P-QKt3	25	Q-B3	P-B4
8	B-K2	B-Kt2	26	Kt-B3	P-Kt3
9	BxKt	BxB	27	QxQBP	PxB
10	PxP	PxP	28	Kt-Q5	P-B5
11	O-O	Q-Q3	29	R-K7	Q-B4
12	R-QB1	P-R3	30	RxB	R(R1)-K1
13	P-QR3	Kt-Q2	31	QxKRP	R-K2
14	P-QKt4	P-QKt4	32	RxR	KxR
15	Kt-K1	P-B3	33	QxBP	K-Kt2
16	Kt-Q3	Kt-Kt3	34	Q-B7 ch	K-B1
17	P-QR4	B-Q1	35	Kt-B4	resigns
18	Kt-B5	B-B1			

Poll puts Labour 10 pc ahead

Labour has a 10 per cent lead over the Conservatives, according to an Opinion Research Centre poll published yesterday in the London *Evening Standard*.

The survey of voting intentions, conducted between April 30 and last Sunday, says (with last month's figures in brackets) that 45 per cent of the electorate intends to vote Labour (42½ per cent), 35 per cent Conservative (35½ per cent), 16 per cent Liberal (18 per cent), 3 per cent for the nationalist parties (3 per cent), and 1 per cent for others (1 per cent).

Mr Gromyko invited to visit Britain

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday invited Mr Gromyko, the Russian Foreign Minister to visit Britain at a date to be fixed.

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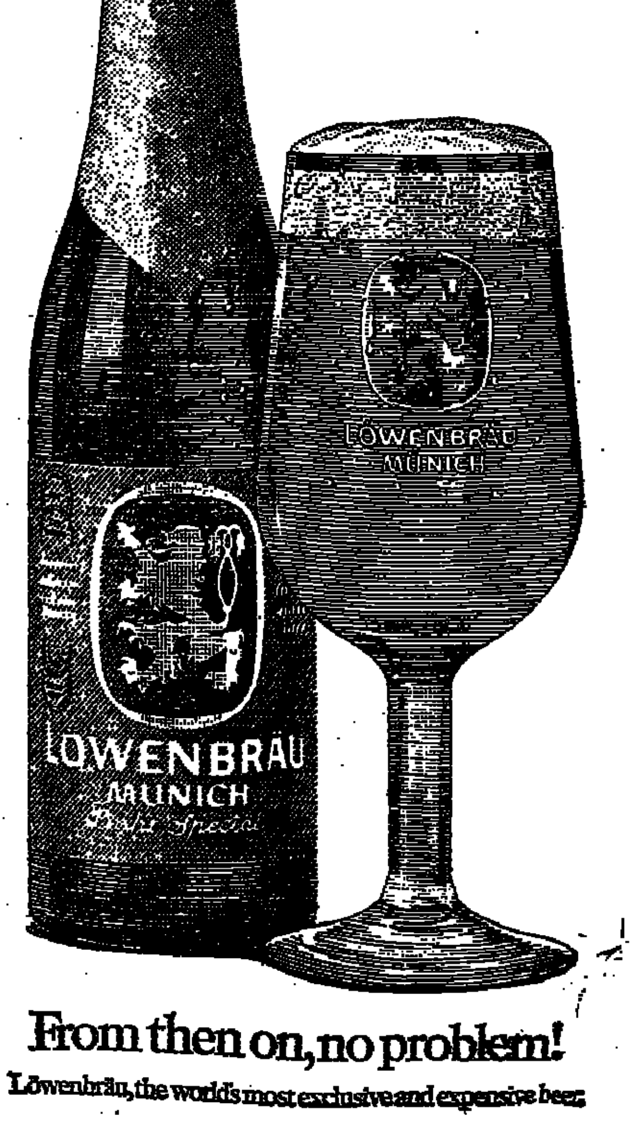

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HOME NEWS

'Minister of poverty' may be appointed to coordinate action

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday agreed to consider forming an inter-ministerial group to coordinate action against poverty in Britain and the developing countries. He did so at a meeting with a group of six major poverty charities who hope that a senior "minister of poverty" will be appointed.

Mr Wilson agreed with the group's view that poverty in Britain and the Third World were linked and should be tackled through much greater redistribution of wealth on an international as well as a national scale. He also accepted that government action to help the poor in one part of the world should not be at the expense of other poor people.

The group, formed on the initiative of War on Want and the Child Poverty Action Group, met Mr Wilson at 10 Downing Street for talks lasting over an hour. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Brian O'Malley, Minister of State for Health and Social Security, and Lord Harris, Minister of State at the Home Office.

Mr Wilson welcomed the formation of the group and agreed that a similar official group was needed to consider how poverty at home and overseas could be tackled through integrated policies. He suggested that before a further meeting the group should consider specific points to enable appropriate ministers to take part in the discussions.

Mr Peter Burns, general secretary of War on Want, told the Prime Minister that the group was concerned that the universality of poverty should be recognized and that there was potential conflict between the needs of the poor in Britain and overseas. Reducing tariffs, for example, would raise the living standards of people in the Third World but could result in unemployment in Britain.

Mr Burns said afterwards that it was particularly encouraging that the Prime Minister would meet the group again and had agreed to consider setting up a governmental counterpoint to the group. Mr Wilson had said he would consider appointing a minister to oversee the group and, Mr Burns said, the logical step would be to appoint a minister of poverty.

Mr Frank Field, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said: "I am elated. This is the first time we have had such a clear commitment to do something about poverty since Mr Macleod gave his pledge on family allowances. I think we must see this time that the pledge is fulfilled."

Mr Wilson compared to 'cheap huckster'

By Our Political Staff

Mr St John-Stevas, shadow minister for the arts, yesterday accused Mr Wilson of "descending to an invective and innuendo worthy of a cheap party huckster".

Speaking in Southend, he said the Prime Minister was like "a squid trapped in a corner squirting a jet of dirty ink over the press and Opposition leaders and any MP who has dared in the mildest way to question his or his ministers' conduct".

Mr Wilson's clear intention had been to intimidate MPs from doing their duty "because no one wishes to be sullied with the kind of mud he is flinging". To their great credit, journalists and editors had continued to print the facts as they found them.

"The Prime Minister has not only failed to uphold the received standards of public life, he has all but destroyed the doctrine of ministerial responsibility", Mr St John-Stevas said. The sooner the people woke up to what was happening and halted this sorry and degrading process, the better for the nation's political life and future.

Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, yesterday accused the Conservatives of being "afraid of voting in the House". Mr Heath and his colleagues were an inept, weak Opposition, he said.

Speaking at Royton, Lancashire, Mr Smith said: "The only effective opposition in this Parliament is being provided by the Liberals. The Tories are not earning their keep. They are an expensive luxury for the taxpayer".

Mr Richard Wainwright, Liberal MP for Colne Valley, said at Penistone, Yorkshire, last night that the Conservatives were trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the electorate.

"Although still accepting the salary from the taxpayer as so-called Leader of the Opposition, Mr Heath gives orders that between 20 and 30 Conservative MPs must be restrained from voting whenever there is the slightest risk of the Government being defeated", he said, adding that it was "humbug and sham".

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Opposition spokesman on the social services, said at Bebington, Cheshire, that the most dangerous delusion in British politics today was that there was no essential difference between the two major parties.

There was in fact a deep divide of principle between the committed Socialists who controlled the Cabinet and virtually all the rest of Britain's political leaders. It was the duty of the Conservative Party to persuade liberals, in whatever party, of the overriding necessity for choice.

"On the one hand", he said, "if they wish and if they fully realize what they are about, they may choose socialism. On the other, they may choose to work with us in the improvement and reform of the libertarian, capitalist society in which we all, essentially, believe."

Mr John Davies, a former Conservative Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in Manchester that there was only a bleak prospect under the present Government for the industrial manager.

"Anybody who knows anything about running industry knows full well that the last thing management are interested in is slanging matches with their own labour or with the unions. Equally, they know that there has to be a kind of balance of power which allows free collective bargaining to be a reality, not just a carve-up."

Maudling lawyers scrutinize new book

By a Staff Reporter

Lawyers acting for Mr Maudling, the former Home Secretary, were instructed yesterday to decide whether a book which deals with his association with the Real Estate Fund of America defames him. The book, *A Little Pot of Gold*, was written by Mr Michael Gillard, a member of Granada Television's *World in Action* team.

Mr Maudling is already suing Granada over allegations made in its *World in Action* programme on Monday night which dealt with John Poulson's involvement in a Malta hospital contract and suggested that Mr Maudling had helped to secure the contract for the architect. The book has a foreword by Mr Paul Foot, editor of the left-wing *Socialist Worker*.

Mr Maudling said: "It's publication this week after the Granada programme is obviously part of a concerted plot by Paul Foot and his usual gang. Mr Paul Foot, who so far as I can recollect I have never met, has been conducting a personal vendetta against me for several years."

Mr Foot, nephew of Mr Michael Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, replied: "As far as a personal vendetta goes, I have never written anything personal about Mr Maudling. I have confined myself to writing about his public activities and his activities as far as they affect others.

"I think Mr Maudling would be better advised to try to explain to people why he associated with Mr Poulson and Mr Hoffman (of the Real Estate Fund of America) rather than try to deflect attention from these matters, which are of public interest."

Granada said: "Michael Gillard wrote his book while he was working at the *Daily Express*. We knew when he joined Granada that he had written the book and we were aware that its publication was being held up. He had nothing to do with the *World in Action* programme, 'Business in Gozo'.

"Paul Foot had nothing to do with 'Business in Gozo' either. We knew nothing about the intention to release the book to coincide with our programme."

The Real Estate Fund of America, which collapsed with a loss of £4m to investors, was operated by Jerome Hoffman, who was later found guilty in New York of a mortgage swindle. Mr Hoffman's London solicitor, Lord Brentford, of the firm of Joynson-Hicks and Co, introduced Mr Maudling to the fund.

Mr Maudling said he received a letter from Lord Brentford in which Mr Hoffman was described as an old and valued client. He had accepted that statement. At that time Mr Maudling was a director of the city merchant banking firm of Kleinwort Benson. He resigned from the presidency of the Real Estate Fund of America after Kleinwort Benson had made inquiries about Mr Hoffman.

Mr Maudling said yesterday that he did not disagree with the book's assertion that he wrote to leading bankers he had met at international conferences while he was deputy leader of the Conservative Party in opposition.

He said he was president of the fund for two or three months and was trying to promote it during that time. "Had I thought the fund was a bad thing, I would not have been in it", he said.

The Rev Leslie Pacey, a Methodist minister at Shaw, near Oldham, Lancashire, holding one of the Oriental relics collected during missionary service in China and now on display at his house, which he has opened to the public.

Plan to set up MPs' interests list by summer

By Our Political Staff

Although the Government has its own proposals for a compulsory register of MPs' outside financial interests, senior ministers recognize that there are grounds for genuine differences of view about the scope of the interests that should be included.

Part of the Government's proposals, therefore, which, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, are to be announced in Parliament next week, is a recommendation that a select committee be established to consider this issue.

As ministers see it, the committee would have a threefold task. First, it would consider whose interests should be recorded on a compulsory and public register and how such interests should be defined. It would then consider the arrangements for maintaining the register, including those for making it available to the public. Finally, it would look at the most appropriate methods for making it compulsory to register interests; for example, whether by legislation enforceable in the courts or by way of standing orders and sanctions by the House.

Ministers would expect this committee to deal with those aspects quickly so that the House could take its final decisions and set up the register before the summer recess. It is understood that Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, proposes to table resolutions to this effect later next week with a view to debating the subject the week after next, if the House approves, appointing the select committee before the Whitsun recess.

The Government's proposals have been put to all Labour MPs and will be discussed at the Parliamentary Labour Party meeting next Wednesday. Conservative MPs will have the chance of debating the proposals at the 1922 Committee meeting next Thursday. Mr Short has written to all Opposition parties inviting their views on the Government's proposals.

Mr Short and left wing in dispute on Queen's freedom of choice

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The theory of Labour's left wing that, in the event of a Government defeat on a confidence motion, the Queen could take an initiative to form a coalition government is not ruled out by Mr Short, Leader of the House.

In a reply to a letter fom Mr Norman Atkinson, Labour MP for Tottenham, and other members of the *Tribune* group, he said: "Constitutional lawyers of the highest authority are of the clear opinion that the Sovereign is not in all circumstances bound to grant a Prime Minister's request for a dissolution."

The implication is that when Mr Wilson threatened an election if the Government were defeated on the Queen's Speech, his advice could have been spurned by the Queen, who could have sent for other leading politicians and explored the possibility of a coalition.

That will come as no surprise to most parliamentarians. Indeed, it would seem a safeguard for the electorate which created the balance of the parties. But the *Tribune* group (supported by several ministers) wants to establish an entirely different principle.

Their letter to Mr Short on March 25 said that before the vote on the Queen's Speech some Tory and Liberal MPs claimed that the Queen need not accept the Prime Minister's advice about calling an election. She could call together other leaders to form an alliance.

"We believe this to be wrong, and a serious threat to our democratic practice. In our opinion, the Prime Minister of the day has an absolute right to decide the date of the election following discussion with his Cabinet colleagues."

The Queen was morally and constitutionally obliged to accept the advice given.

Mr Atkinson and his 11 cosignatories said that although they understood that both Lord Crowther-Hunt, constitutional adviser to Mr Wilson, and Sir Martin Charteris, private secretary to the Queen, acknowledged that view, there was still some ambiguity.

They have asked for a Commons debate but, as Mr Atkinson explained yesterday: "The Speaker said that there is no way in which this could be debated in the House because the Government is not responsible for the Queen's behaviour. But we also discovered that if the Government itself puts down a motion, about the kind of advice the Queen should seek, the matter could be debated openly."

Mr Atkinson said the left wing was disturbed by the views of "academics and constitutional theoreticians" because, had the Government been defeated, or if it were defeated in the coming weeks, it appeared that the Queen would be brought directly into the political argument.

When the Government first presented its programme the Conservatives were still supporting a National Industrial Relations Court, continuation of Phase Three and the whole apparatus of wages control, Mr Atkinson said. Labour was proposing to scrap the Industrial Relations Act and dismantle wage restraint.

The official view, he said, was that the Queen had the right to decide whether there was to be a coalition based on one policy, or another.

"Our other fear was that there was a very real possibility at the time of creating a pro-Common Market coalition. We know now that when there were all the comings and goings between Mr Heath and Mr Thorpe this was one of the things discussed".

Mr Atkinson asserted that Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was involved in the discussions.

"Jim Callaghan was sounded out about which areas of the Labour Party were interested in 'Great Britain Limited', and *The Times* was also floating ideas about the forming of a coalition government."

Mr Short's reply, which has been sent to Mr Heath, said that the clear opinion of the constitutional lawyers was that the Sovereign was not in all circumstances bound to grant a Prime Minister's request for a dissolution. He added: "But the exercise of the royal prerogative in this matter is not determined only by past constitutional usages and precedents: the relevance of those usages and precedents has to be considered in relation to the actual circumstances. . ."

It was therefore impossible to define in advance the circumstances in which the Sovereign's discretion might be exercised.

"The views expressed in the debate on the Queen's Speech by some Tory and Liberal members on this matter have no greater authority than those expressed in your letter.

"This being so, no useful purpose would in my opinion be served by seeking to open formal debate on the exercise of the prerogative in the way you suggest."

The *Tribune* members propose to ask Mr Mikardo, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, for a meeting to discuss the issues. Mr Atkinson said: "We want to strengthen our influence over the Prime Minister when he goes to the Monarch."

Mr Atkinson admitted that the *Tribune* members were appearing to stand on their heads in demanding that the Prime Minister should have the decisive influence, but they believed that was necessary to retain Labour's credibility.

He was particularly worried by the advice he had received, apparently endorsed by the Clerks of the House, that if the Government were defeated on a measure and there was then a motion of "no confidence", the opposition parties could insist on an addendum stating that in spite of the Government's defeat, it should not be allowed to advise the Queen.

That might be in the interest of the opposition parties—indeed the Conservatives' extraordinary behaviour recently had demonstrated that they did not want an election—"but we believe the Queen should listen to the Prime Minister as leader of the biggest party in the House."

In brief

Authors' lendin right Bill fails

The Public Lending Righ a private member's Bill u which authors would received payments on lib borrowings, failed to receiv second reading in the Comm yesterday. It now has chance of progressing any ther.

MPs had spent the whole discussing another Bill. lending right Bill, introduce Mr Kenneth Baker, Conserv MP for the Cities of London Westminster, St Maryleb was rejected to and so coul go through without debate.

The public lending rights is likely to be raised aga the autumn, when the Go ment is expected to introdu own Bill to launch a fu authors.

Second homes prote

A motion was tabled yest in the Commons by Liberal regretting the refusal of Secretary of State for the vironment to take actio secure the identification control of the growth of se homes in areas where the crease is reducing the ch of a home for many local p and causing extensive socia economic problems for the munity.

Kodak slowdown

Processing of colour parencies, negatives and film by Kodak at Hemel H stead, Hertfordshire, may b by a work to rule by 300 nicians which started y day after talks on recogi broke down between the unions at the plant.

Journalists strike

Nearly 100 journ employed by the Eve *Telegraph* at Kettering, N amptonshire, struck yest and picketed their offices a colleague was dismissed ever, one edition of the paper was published.

£35,000 arts grant

The Arts Council is to £35,000 to Anvil Produc Oxford Playhouse profes company, in its first year, pared with £50,000 receiv the previous company in i year.

Cat may have opera

Arthur, the television ca was recovered on Thursday being stolen three weeks from his cattery at Lamb End, Essex, may have to an operation on his teeth.

Farm man killed

Mr David Jackson, age was killed yesterday wh short circuit occurred i electrically operated wate as he was washing a Land- on a farm at Upware, Camb shire.

Hyde Park pop

Open-air pop concer Hyde Park, London, whic banned last year after bances at earlier pop fes will probably be allowed on again this summer.

Football guide

Partick Thistle and Qu the South are exotic nam places which are as muc of our heritage as Stratf Canterbury. But where they? And what are they Tomorrow in *The Sunday* they are included in a fa guide to the great citad football by Ian Nairn.

Union 'would support striking nurses'

Mr Bill Griffiths, Midlands divisional officer of the 450,000-member National Union of Public Employees union told a nurses' meeting in Leeds yesterday: "If the nurses decided to go on strike we would support them wholeheartedly.

"If you go on crying wolf, the time will come when you have to produce the wolf; and if you can't produce the wolf or if it has no teeth, you are in a worse position than when you started."

He was not inviting nurses to strike, but they should join a union. If most of the nurses who did not now belong to a union joined one next week, "the Government and the Department of Health would have kittens", he added.

Study of arts by minister

An examination of how the organization and administration of the arts can be made more democratic has been made by Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts.

Announcing this in London yesterday, he added that there should be participation by practitioners of the arts and by those who enjoyed the works of artists. "I am opposed to elitism in the arts", he said. "I think that there should be greater decentralization and that more money should be found from local sources."

Land of missed opportunity

When Nottingham Corporation rejected an offer of just over an acre of land in Tennis Drive, near the city centre, for £20,000 it was bought by someone else. Now nearly two years later the corporation is to buy the land as a housing site for £63,000.

If, as is likely, the money is borrowed, the cost to the corporation, including interest, will be £513000.

More internees may be released

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

At a six-hour meeting yesterday attended by Mr Merlyn Rees, the Secretary of State, the two main parties in the Northern Ireland Executive laid the groundwork of a compromise that could bring another phased release of internees from the Maze prison at Long Kesh but a scaling down of the powers of the proposed Council of Ireland.

No decisions were reached at the discussions and no statement of any length was issued at Stormont Castle afterwards, but Mr Rees will be able to tell ministers of the Irish Republic when he meets them on Monday that the executive is still a cohesive administration with a common aim.

It was probably the most important meeting so far between all the Northern Ireland ministers and Mr Rees, who was accompanied by Mr Stanley Orme, his Minister of State, and by Mr Silkin, the Attorney-General.

They spent much of the morning discussing the security situation and the internment question and moved on during the afternoon to talk about the report of the joint Anglo-Irish law commission which has just recommended a system of extra-territorial courts of both parts of Ireland.

Mr Gerard Fitt, Deputy Chief Executive and the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, is believed to have emphasized the importance his group attaches to the continuing release of internees, which was one of the provisions of the Sunningdale agreement. The SDLP has been coming under increasing pressure in recent weeks from its members over the comparatively few men who have been released from Long Kesh.

Mr Faulkner, whose Unionists face an increasingly embarrassing position over the continuing violence in Ulster, expressed his own views on the Council of Ireland. He has been hinting recently that he would prefer it to have less power than originally envisaged at Sunningdale. The beginnings of some form of compromise seem to have been reached.

When Mr Rees tells Mr Garret FitzGerald, the Dublin Minister for Foreign Affairs, about the Executive's views, the Republic of Ireland Government will almost certainly accept any agreement that has been reached in Belfast because it is anxious above all else that Mr Faulkner's administration should survive.

It seems that neither the Unionists nor the SDLP is prepared to try to veto the report of the law commission, which has not gained much favour with Mr Faulkner's men who supported the extradition system.

Mr Faulkner yesterday found his strength in the Northern Ireland Assembly reduced to 17, two less than the SDLP, when Mr Herbert Whitten and Mr James Stronge, two Faulkner men from Armagh, went over to the loyalists. It came as no surprise to Mr Faulkner because the two men have already voted against him in the Assembly, but their formal declaration of their change of allegiance has heartened the official Unionist Party which opposes power sharing and the Constitution Act. The official Unionists now have 14 seats in the Assembly and the other loyalists have 17 but the Executive parties still hold a total of 45 seats.

Mr Faulkner's new Unionist Party, which was launched on Sunday, issued its first policy statement yesterday. It stressed the importance of union with Britain and criticized the loyalists' suggestion that Ulster should be given a federal government within the United Kingdom. The Faulkner Unionists asked for 17 MPs at Westminster, a similar demand to that made by the loyalists at their Portrush conference last month.

Belfast arrests: IRA documents found

Continued from page 1

the capture was increased by the fact that Mr Hughes had escaped from the Maze Prison at Long Kesh five months ago after hiding in a rubbish lorry. He was first arrested last July with Mr Tom Cahill, brother of the former Belfast commander, Mr Joe Cahill, and Mr Gerry Adams, who was at that time brigade commander.

Mr Hughes, a married man with two children, whose home is in Arundel Street, in the Falls Road area, was appointed leader of the Provisionals in the city when his predecessor, Mr Sean Convery, was picked up by troops about two months ago.

The flat in Myrtlefield Park was rented some weeks ago and in it the police found what future bombing attacks. They also found documents, equipment for making explosives, and a considerable amount of ammunition.

Like many of his colleagues, Mr Hughes is a lifelong Republican and his allegiance to the Provisional cause was strengthened about three years ago when his brother, Charles, was killed by the official IRA—in the struggle within the ranks of Roman Catholic extremists.

It was revealed yesterday that Mr Eugene McManus, believed to be Mr Hughes' second in command, was arrested by police on Thursday standing, it appears, in a dole queue in Belfast.

New York, May 9.—Mr Garrett Fitzgerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Irish Republic, today criticized Americans who provided financial aid to the IRA.

Speaking at New York University, where he received an honourary Doctor of Laws Degree, Mr Fitzgerald said the money "contributes to the killing and maiming of Irish people —800 of whom have now died as a direct result of IRA violence or through violence provoked by the IRA campaign".—Reuter.

'Incompetent assassins' are jailed

A widower and his daughter-in-law plotted her husband's murder by poison, drugs, electric shock and suffocation, it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. But all their bizarre plans, hatched against a background of "degrading and disgusting sexual behaviour", misfired and the husband survived.

Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, for the defence, said that as assassins they lacked the necessary steely resolution. He added: "They are perhaps, as a pair, the most incompetent assassins ever to appear before any court."

John Lord, aged 58, of Broxash Drive, Hereford, and Mrs Margaret Lesley Lord, aged 31, of Charles Witts Avenue, Hereford, were each sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

They had pleaded guilty to conspiring between August and December last year to murder Mr Lord's stepson, Alan Lord, aged 28, but not guilty to six counts of attempting to murder him. The pleas were accepted.

Mr Frank Blennerhasset, QC, for the prosecution, said the Lords' marriage was stormy at times. She had committed adultery with other men, sometimes at her husband's instigation. The couple had taken part in group sex and he had seriously assaulted her.

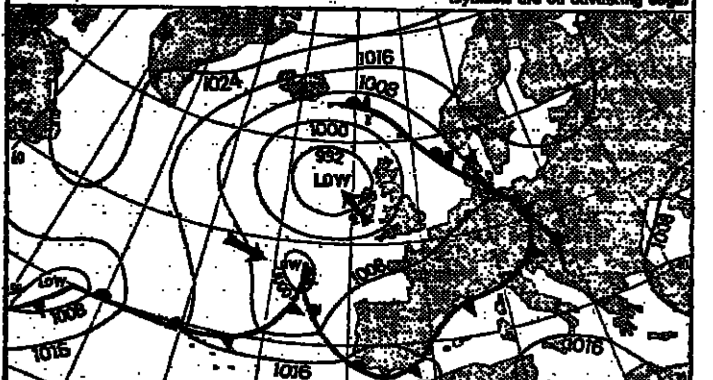
The father had been closely associated with them and he, also, had indulged in familiarity with Mrs Lord and had intercourse with her.

Mrs Lord had told the police she was at the end of her tether over her husband's behaviour and had talked it over with her father-in-law. She had said: "Dad always had a crush on me. He was mad at the way Alan treated me. That is why he agreed to help me to get rid of Alan."

Film 'hot line'

A telephone "hot-line" is to be manned each evening by six clergymen at Reading for people distressed after seeing the film *The Exorcist* when it opens in the town.

Weather forecast and recordings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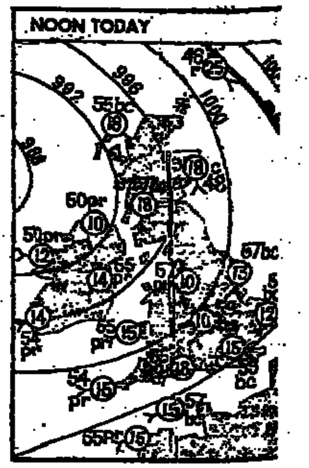

Today

Sun rises: 5.16 am Sun sets: 8.39 pm
Moon rises: 12.36 am Moon sets: 9.8 am
Last Quarter: May 14.

Lighting up: 9.9 pm to 4.44 am. High water: London Bridge, 5.39 am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 5.45 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Avonmouth, 10.51 am, 11.3m (37.0ft); 11.6 pm, 11.2m (36.8ft). Dover, 2.37 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 2.55 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Hull, 9.38 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 10.16 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 2.48 am, 8.0m (26.1ft); 3.11 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft).

A depression to the NW of Ireland will drift NW and fill slowly.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Midlands, N Wales, SE, central S England: Sunny spells and a few showers, possibly heavy locally; wind SW, moderate; max temp 15°C (59°F).

Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: Sunny spells and occasional showers, gradually dying out, becoming cloudy in evening; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 15°C (59°F).

East Anglia, E, NW, NE central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland,

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 5.14 am Sun sets: 8.41 pm
Moon rises: 1.6 am Moon sets: 10.14 am

Lighting up: 9.11 pm to 4.43 am. High water: London Bridge, 6.18 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 6.21 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Avonmouth, 11.23 am, 10.7m (35.0ft); 11.41 pm, 10.6m (34.9ft). Dover, 3.18 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 3.39 pm, 5.8m (18.9ft). Hull, 10.11 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 10.58 pm, 5.9m (19.4ft). Liverpool, 3.27 am, 7.6m (25.0ft); 3.55 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft).

Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals and showers, heavy in places with hail and thunder, but dying out later; wind S, fresh, locally strong, becoming SW, moderate; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain but also sunny periods; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW, fresh; sea moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind SW, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

St George's Channel: Wind W, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, str gale; sea very rough.

Satellite sightings (L tomorrow. Figures show, in time visible, where rising, mum elevation and direc setting. Cosmos 633 Rocket 3.50, N, 35° NE, ESE. M 3 Cosmos 633 Rocket: NNW, 65° ENE, SE.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 a pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 7 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humid, 53 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 0.09in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm. millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Athens	f	19	66	Dublin	f	12	54	Locarno	s	14	57	Nicosia	c	30	86
Barcelona	s	18	64	Edinburgh	f	16	61	London	f	14	57	Oslo	s	17	63
Beirut	f	23	73	Florence	f	19	66	Luxembourg	r	10	50	Paris	f	16	61
Belfast	c	11	52	Funchal	s	19	66	Madrid	f	17	63	Reykjavik	[illegible]	9	48
Berlin	r	16	61	Geneva	r	13	55	Majorca	s	20	68	Rome	f	18	64
Biarritz	c	15	59	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Malaga	s	25	77	Ronaldsway	f	13	55
Birmingham	f	15	59	Guernsey	r	10	50	Malta	s	19	66	Stockholm	s	13	55
Bristol	f	14	57	Helsinki	c	7	45	Manchester	c	14	57	Tel Aviv	s	24	75
Brussels	f	14	57	Innsbruck	c	18	64	Moscow	r	10	50	Venice	f	18	64
Budapest	f	17	63	Istanbul	c	15	59	Munich	s	17	63	Vienna	r	17	63
Cardiff	f	13	55	Jersey	s	15	59	Naples	f	18	64	Warsaw	c	5	41
Cologne	s	15	59	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Nice	s	15	59	Zurich	r	13	55

At the resorts

24hrs to 6 pm, May 10

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max Temp C	F	
E Coast					
Scarborough	7.1	.21	14	57	Sun
Bridlington	4.3	.15	12	54	Sun
Gorleston	5.5	.02	12	54	Sun
Clacton-on-Sea	5.8	.07	14	57	Sun
Margate	6.1	.10	16	61	Sun
S Coast					
Hastings	7.8	.24	14	57	Sun
Eastbourne	12.3	.22	15	59	Sun
Brighton	9.8	.24	14	57	Sun
Worthing	8.9	.24	14	57	Sun
Bognor R	9.7	.23	14	57	Showr
Southsea	8.4	.25	15	59	Show
Sandown	9.9	.12	14	57	Show
Bournemouth	6.5	.43	12	54	Show
Exmouth	6.9	.33	13	55	Sun
Torquay	[illegible]	.55	13	55	Show
W Coast					
Morecambe	9.0	.13	17	63	Sun
Blackpool	[illegible]	.37	17	63	Show
Aberystwyth	4.3	.74	12	54	Show

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HOME NEWS

Probation officers to withhold social inquiry reports from courts until guilt is established

From Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Weymouth

Probation officers voted yesterday to withhold social inquiry reports about persons appearing before courts until after guilt has been established. The decision, made at the annual conference of the National Association of Probation Officers here, could bring the officers into conflict with judges and, some officers feel, perhaps into contempt of court.

Probation officers believe the social inquiry reports are relevant only to the court's function of sentencing. The reports often contain reference to previous convictions, and could be prejudicial.

Mr Squire Lucas, West Riding, said: "We ought to protect judges from themselves. I do not know how a judge can differentiate between what he reads in a social inquiry report and what he hears in a case."

But Miss Enid Clarke, South Thames, opposing the motion, said judges were in possession of police antecedent reports during the hearing of cases. If they also had social inquiry reports, it would help to balance matters.

Misgivings about proposals for dealing with young adult offenders have produced an emergency resolution to be debated today at the conference.

Some feel that new ways of supervising offenders in the community instead of in prison will mean probation officers becoming, in effect, too much like mobile prison officers.

The resolution arises from the expected content of a report of the Government's Advisory Council on the Penal System. Although first details were disclosed in *The Times* more than a year ago, its publication is still only "expected soon". There is some suspicion here that the Home Office has withheld it until after the conference.

Reports so far about the council's findings suggest there will be a custody and control order for young adults between 17 and 21, to replace custodial sentences to detention centre, borstal and imprisonment. Borstals and detention centres would be abolished and replaced by a single system of penal establishments.

The sentence would be indefinite, presumably with fixed minimum and maximum periods. At any time during the period of sentence it would be possible for a prisoner to be released to "control under licence".

An article in *Probe*, an unofficial magazine run by an action group of probation officers, says that the second proposal, for a supervision and control order, has been known *to them for some time. Members* of the group do not like some of the implications of suggestions that it will be a stronger non-custodial sentence than probation, and that it would be appropriate for offenders whom the courts at present sentence to a custodial measure but who could be allowed to remain in the community if subject to a greater degree of supervision and control.

Probation will continue to be available as well. The article goes on: "It is clearly stated that these new orders would be operated by probation officers.

Patients set up centre for cure of stammering

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

A derelict store room in the grounds of an Oxford hospital, converted by patients into a treatment centre for stammering adults, is to be formally opened today.

The Apple House speech therapy unit at the Warneford Hospital will mark the emergence of a new charity, the Stammer Trust, to help to treat and sponsor research into an affliction which, it says, affects hundreds of thousands of adults.

In 1964 Dr Seymour Spencer, a consultant psychiatrist at the hospital, began a project aimed at helping adult stammerers. Patients from all over the country came for intensive training in a control system called "*syllable timed speech*".

They were also given psychotherapeutic treatment. Patients were admitted on condition that they returned weekly for refresher courses for three months.

The turnover of patients strained the hospital's resources and two years ago a group of stammerers decided to convert the derelict store room into a treatment room, office and kitchen. The old apple store room became the Apple House.

It is seen as a national base and it is hoped to open other centres in different parts of the country with residential accommodation for patients. Later this month an appeal will be made to finance the project.

Shipping Bill will end some Navy crimes

By Paul Routledge
Labour Correspondent

The Government has conceded part of the trade union case for abolishing criminal offences which can be committed by seamen in the Merchant Navy.

Under the Merchant Shipping Bill, published yesterday, it will no longer be a crime to disobey certain orders or to be absent without leave when a ship sails.

The Bill differs from a similar one considered by Parliament before the election in repealing disciplinary measures contained in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1970.

A single case of disobedience to a lawful command will not be a criminal act unless the ship or lives are endangered, and seamen who miss their ship will not be liable to court proceedings. Both cases may still be dealt with by the ship's master under disciplinary regulations. *Increased fines are proposed for* other shipboard offences, including drunkenness.

Militants in the National Union of Seamen are examining a further concession, which confines the criminal offence of combining to disobey lawful commands to the high seas in order to see whether it will allow seamen to hold up a ship in port until wage demands have been met.

The Department of Trade is setting up working parties to carry out a review of discipline in the shipping and fishing industries, with special reference to drink and drugs.

Hungry child tried to eat rabbits' cabbage leaves

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

Denise Wilson, aged three, was so hungry that she tried to eat old cabbage leaves that had been put outside for pet rabbits, it was alleged at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday. She was so dehydrated that she drank dirty water with soil in it from an old jug in her garden, it was added. She died the same day after a fall. Her body was found to have more than 70 bruises.

Mr Thomas Dineen, for the prosecution, said that eight months before her death the girl was admitted to hospital in an "emaciated and neglected *condition*". *When* she was discharged after 11 days' treatment a note was made on the direction of a doctor that there was a suspicion that she might be a battered baby. There were bruises on her body.

He added: "*From then on*wards the Nottinghamshire health authority took all possible steps within their powers to keep an eye on this child. Visits were made from time to time to keep a check on her home. Neighbours reported the matter to the health authority, so people were alive to what was happening."

Mr Dineen said that on occasions the girl was shut outside on cold days. At other times neighbours heard screams at night and then slaps. She was so dehydrated that once in a neighbour's home she drank three pints of water.

Mr Dineen said the pathologist's findings were "quite horrifying". He added: "Marks of violence were found on her body in great profusion."

Sandra Wilson, aged 22, the girl's stepmother, who has three other children, and her husband, Robert, aged 32, a coalminer, both of Charworth Street, Blidworth, Nottinghamshire, were before the court.

Jailing Sandra Wilson for two years and her husband for 14 months, Mr Justice Thesiger told them: "One must bear in mind that the community will *take the law into its own hands* if the courts do not treat these cases seriously when they are brought to light."

Sandra Wilson pleaded guilty to two charges of assaulting the child and one of child neglect. Mr Wilson admitted one charge of child neglect.

Head of records firm cleared of corruption

Edward Kassner, head of President Records, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court *yesterday* of corruption in the BBC payola trial. Mr Kassner, aged 53, of Westbourne Gardens, Bayswater, had denied agreeing to give £50 to Stephen Turner, a BBC television producer, to plug a record, "Black-skinned, blue-eyed boy", by the Equals pop group in the television show *Disco Two*. He also denied conspiring with others to offer £50 to Mr Turner.

Judge McKinnon, QC, stopped the trial without calling on the defence and formally directed the jury to return not guilty verdicts. Then he discharged Mr Kassner and awarded him costs, including the costs of the committal proceedings. He said Mr *Kassner left the court with an* unblemished character.

Inflation threatens litigation solicitors with ruin in year, meeting told

From Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent
Bath

Solicitors in private practice handling civil litigation were in danger of ruin within a year because of inflation. Mr Jeffrey Gordon, chairman of the British Legal Association, said here yesterday.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the association, which represents more than 3,000 solicitors, Mr Gordon said civil cases took between one and three years to get to court. But *pay and overheads* had to be financed over that period in money which was diminishing in value.

Mr Gordon condemned the time spent and the cost involved in drawing up bills of costs for *clients' fees. It often required* more skill and time to do that than to run the case itself, he said.

"All this was once just tolerable. In days of hyper-inflation we should not put up with it. Litigation practices could face ruin within a year if inflation proceeds at its present rate."

Mr Gordon pointed to privileges of trade unions and said: "Why cannot we be allowed to negotiate over our wages in the field of civil litigation?"

He told the Bar not to be complacent about the plight of *solicitors*. Barristers thought they would go on in the same way for ever. But their position could fall overnight with that of solicitors.

"There is an even chance in the next decade that we will have fusion. Then what future is there for any independent legal profession?" Mr Gordon asked.

He condemned recent proposals which would take from *private practitioners* all but their most unremunerative work. Some of those calls were sincere, but others were "from jealousy and political malice from a motley crew of social engineers and politicians and would-be municipal traders".

Criticizing neighbourhood law centres for putting forward the untrue view that the private *practitioner could not cope with* legal work in socially deprived areas, Mr Gordon said: "There is only one thing holding the private firm back in the poorer areas. It is more and more difficult to finance litigation."

He regarded law centres as "enemies of the profession". It was time for solicitors to fight back.

Mr Archer, Solicitor General, speaking at the association dinner *last night, said it* was tragic that the civil rights movement often saw itself not as invoking the law but as confronting it.

Perhaps its members failed to realize that without an effective legal system there could be no civil rights, he said. But equally, the legal profession should demonstrate more than it had in the past that it was available to consult, advise and *defend the nonconformist*.

Woman sterilized by Nazis took away baby

From Our Correspondent
Reading

A German-born woman who was said to have been sterilized by the Nazis during the last war for helping prisoners, took a baby from outside a hairdresser's shop on impulse, it was stated at Reading Crown Court, Berkshire, yesterday.

The child's mother saw the *pram being pushed away*, ran out of the shop and caught up with the woman, Marte Kalednizki, aged 50, a married woman with no children.

Mrs Kalednizki, of Mead Avenue, Langley, Berkshire, *pleaded guilty* to taking away Jonathan Kirby, aged four and a half months, with intent to deprive his mother, Mrs Bridget Kirby, of the child, last February at Meadfield Road, Langley. She was given a 12 months' prison sentence suspended for two years, coupled with a supervision order.

Oxford students' union owes pay

Oxford University students' union has debts of £1,500, including an overdraft of £150. The salary of its one full-time officer, the president, has not been paid for two weeks.

Mr Michael Sullivan, the president said yesterday that until colleges paid their union subscriptions he would not be paid. Only two colleges had paid this term, he said, and last term about six did not pay at all.

Chain of battery stations urged for electric cars

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, author of *Traffic in Towns*, yesterday called for a nationwide chain of battery stations to enable battery-driven cars and buses to become a "significant part of the vehicle population".

Electric vehicles enjoyed a vast amount of public good will through their enormous reduction in noise and pollution, he said, but their use was limited as long as they were tied to home base by their short range.

This would continue until their range was made comparable with that of the car or bus, either by a technical development in batteries or a network of "battery replenishment stations", and he urged the Electric Vehicle Association, at *whose annual luncheon* in London he was speaking, to press for such at network.

This would no doubt be difficult, because after the "blots on the landscape" made by most petrol stations, planning authorities were unlikely to sanction a second series, so the two would have to be combined, with the possibility of conflict between the oil and electricity industries, and the conventional and battery vehicle manufacturers. Success would however, be a "significant service to the nation".

Sir Colin said that, contrary to much prevailing opinion, there was no sign that the car, as a form of small, flexible, individual transport, was on the way out. In central urban areas the case for improving public transport as an alternative was "crystal clear", but elsewhere it was not, and much talk to the contrary was based on "a chronic *misunderstanding* of the way life is lived and the complex movement of society".

Safety drive to protect farm children

Agriculture is the one industry where it is virtually impossible to keep children off the "factory floor", especially *on the small family farm*. This was pointed out in London yesterday when the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents announced plans for an autumn safety campaign directed particularly at risks to children.

In the past five years *in* England and Wales 510 adults and 127 children have been killed on farms and more than 36,000 workers injured.

Lord Collison, former president of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers said he had good cause to remember what could be involved in a farm accident. He told me later that as a union organizer he was called in to deal with a case of a girl whose arm had been torn off in a threshing machine.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, May 11, 1949

Frosts of May

After what is believed to be the most severe frost in May for many years, fruit growers in Lincolnshire, Essex and the Medway Valley of Kent yesterday reported serious damage to their crops.

In the Market Rasen district of Lincolnshire, where up to 12 deg of frost were recorded, bales of straw burnt throughout the night by the fruit farmers failed to save the blossom. They said that much of the strawberry and blackcurrent crop would be affected, and early potatoes also had a setback.

The owner of some of the largest orchards in Essex said that more harm was done on Monday night than in any single frost for years.

American girl 'knew nothing of guns'

Allison Thompson, aged 18, the American girl in the Heathrow airport guns plot trial, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that before she left Los Angeles last Christmas she was promised: "You are going to have a New Year like you have never had it before." She said that turned out to be quite correct: she spent it in a British jail.

Until customs officers prised open the false bottom in her metal trunk at Heathrow airport, disclosing five pistols and ammunition in a secret cavity, she had no idea *that the visit* was in any way connected with arms, she said. She had never been interested in any kind of politics.

Miss Thompson, from Santa Barbara, California, Abdel Kbir el-Hakkaoui, a Moroccan, and *Ather Naseem, a Pakistani*, have all pleaded not guilty to two conspiracies, between July and December last year, with a man named Ted Brown and other persons.

The first charge alleges unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by Mr el-Hakkaoui. The second alleges his possession of firearms without a firearms certificate.

Mr el-Hakkaoui alone also *denies conspiring to possess in* the United Kingdom a firearm with intent to endanger life.

The prosecution have alleged that there was a plot to kidnap a senior French Government official and then demand the release of 30 Moroccan political prisoners.

Miss Thompson said Mr el-Hakkaoui had never spoken to her about politics, Morocco or revolution. Mr Brown and Mr Naseem had never discussed *politics, revolution, assassination* or kidnapping.

When she landed at Heathrow airport she had a perfectly clear conscience. She did not think there was anything wrong with the trunk and knew nothing about its false bottom, she said.

The trial continues on Monday.

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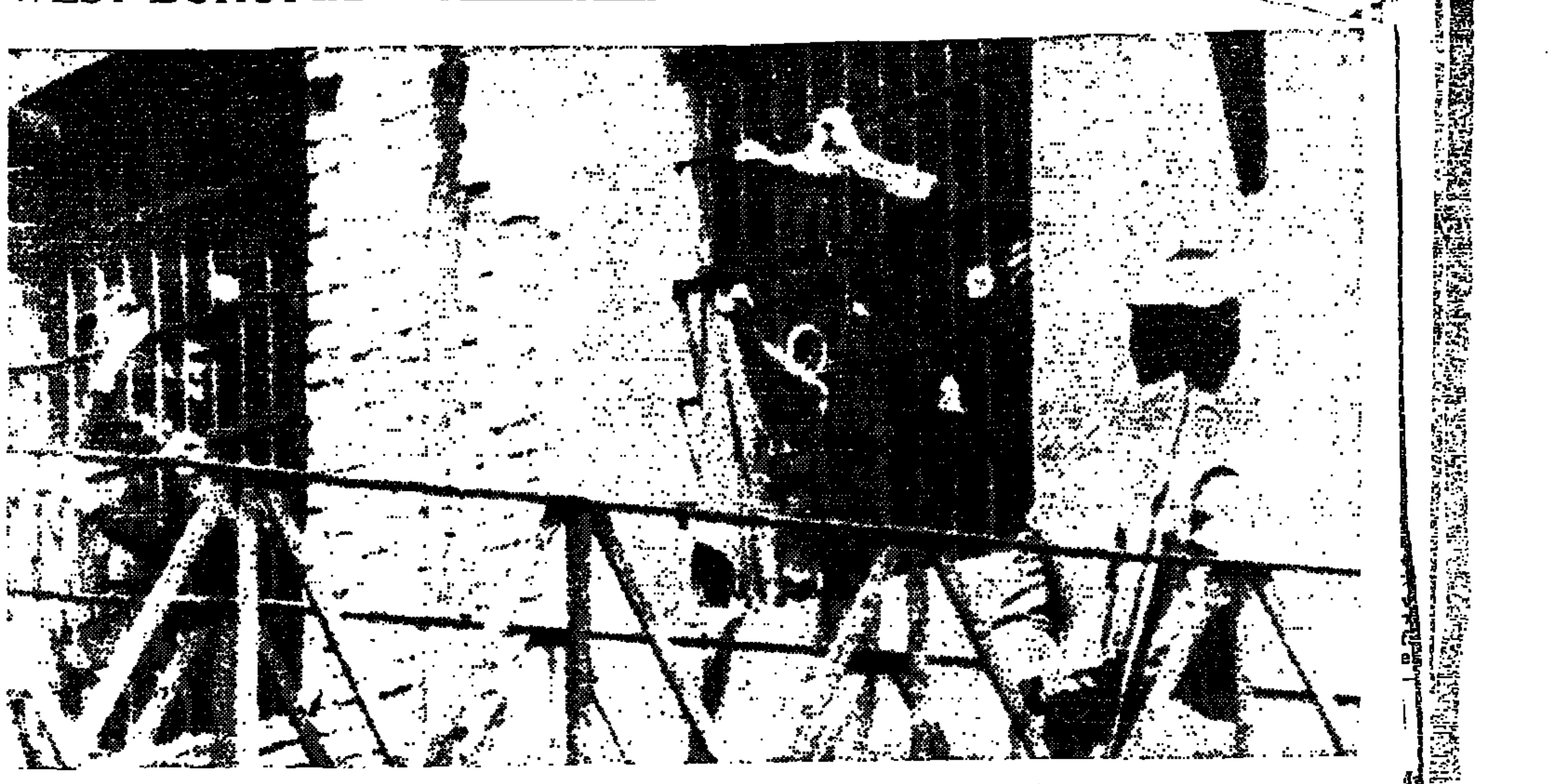

Three armed prisoners holding hostages at Alessandria prison, Italy, waving their hands from the windows of the jail.

M Mitterrand tipped by opinion poll before television debate

From Richard Wigg
Paris, May 10

M François Mitterrand, the left's candidate in the French presidential election, went into a debating duel with M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on television tonight favoured by the *latest* public opinion poll which showed him winning. It said he would obtain 51 per cent of the votes polled.

With a desperate hunt now *on by both candidates to round* up supporters, the live debate on the state television network assumed decisive vote-winning importance, offering a mass viewing audience estimated at some 20 million. The French are comparing the encounter with the television debate between President Kennedy and Mr Nixon during the 1960 presidential campaign in the United States.

Today's Publimétrie poll, published in *L'Aurore*, showing M Giscard d'Estaing lagging two points behind the Socialist leader exactly reversed the forecast by the Sofres poll in *Le Figaro* yesterday. Given the limitations of the polls, what they really point to is the extreme closeness of the fight.

The Publimétrie percentages concerned only those in the sampling who have made up their minds. A reservoir of 16 per cent, the pollsters found, still exists for the two candidates to seek to conquer in the final week of the campaign.

The importance of the televi*sion debate was shown by the* decision of the executive of the Radical Party, led by M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, to put off its choice between the two candidates until it had seen them in action on the screen.

In contrast to M Jean Lecanuet, the other leader of the centrist Reformers' Movement, who declared early for M Giscard d'Estaing, M Servan-Schreiber has kept delaying his verdict. The Radicals are split almost equally.

The young Gaullists' movement (Union des Jeunes pour le Progrès), whose members campaigned actively for M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, is similarly divided and under heavy pressure from the Gaullist leaders to rally to the Finance Minister.

The leaders stepped in and a press conference was cancelled last night after a majority of the young *Gaullists* decided to recommend their sympathizers to return blank ballot papers on Sunday week.

Since almost four million votes went to M Chaban-Delmas on the first ballot, the reluctance of the young Gaullists to follow their elders and climb on to the Giscard bandwagon is of great significance.

On the sidelines of the main *battle M Pierre Messmer*, the Prime Minister, has attacked M Mitterrand in angry personal terms. With his voice full of annoyance he replied to accusations by M Gaston Defferre, the Socialist who would probably *be Prime Minister if the left* won, that he and M Giscard d'Estaing were using their official positions to obtain extra publicity on radio and television during the election campaign.

M Messmer described M Mitterrand's appeals to Gaullists to vote left as "indecent". He said: "I well know that M Mitterrand is a specialist in playing a double game, but really *one cannot* fool all of the people all of the time."

M Giscard d'Estaing and M Mitterrand today addressed special appeals to the 800,000 registered voters in France's overseas territories who could hold the final outcome in their hands. More than 40 per cent of them abstained in the first ballot last Sunday.

Italy faces close voting on divorce

From Our Correspondent
Rome, May 10

The campaign for and against the abolition of divorce ended tonight, with the outcome of Sunday's national referendum still unpredictable.

The 37,500,000 voters have 24 hours' "thinking time" free from the barrage of conflicting propaganda before voting on Sunday and Monday. The *results* are expected late on Monday or on Tuesday morning.

The latest public opinion poll, conducted by a market research institute in the main cities between May 2 and 6 and published in today's *Corriere Della Sera*, found that 65.6 per cent of those questioned were in favour of keeping divorce, 25.9 per cent wanted it abolished and 16.5 were uncertain.

It was emphasized, *however*, that this was not representative of Italy as a whole. City-dwellers are generally considered more progressive and less influenced by the Roman Catholic Church than those in provincial towns and country areas.

More significant was its breakdown into social and professional categories. Only one of the 12 categories, old age pensioners, showed a majority against divorce, and a small one: 44.5 per cent against, 43.5 for, and 12 per cent uncertain.

Housewives, one of the main targets of the anti-divorce campaign, were also strongly in favour of divorce: 63.3 per cent for, 29.5 *against, and* 7.2 uncertain.

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EEC proposes to increase Britain's haulage quota

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, May 10

The European Commission today announced draft regulations which, given ministerial approval, would considerably increase Britain's quota of EEC lorry permits.

Signor Carlo Scarascia Mugnozza, the Commissioner responsible for transport policy, was in London today to explain the proposals to the British Govern*ment*.

Most road haulage within the European Community is done on the basis of bilateral agreements putting a ceiling on traffic. The EEC permits allow unlimited multilateral trips covering several EEC countries. They are transferable from one lorry to another, and are in heavy demand.

Britain's share has stood at only 129 permits since her entry into Europe, barely a third of *the French and West German* allocations. The Commission is proposing that Britain should have 227 permits for the rest of 1974, rising to 272 next year and 318 in 1976. It hopes that the transport ministers of the Nine will meet next month and take a decision.

The French have linked the share-out of permits to the unsolved problem of the maximum permitted axle weight of lorries *in the EEC. They want this to* be harmonized at 11 tons per axle. Britain, Denmark and Ireland insist that anything more than their own 10-ton upper limit would seriously damage roads, bridges and old buildings.

The French have refused to discuss an increase in the modest initial allocation of permits to Britain until agreement is reached on lorry weights and dimensions.

Confidence vote averts Danish Cabinet crisis

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, May 10

After an all-night debate on the Liberal minority Government's emergency economic proposals, the Folketing this morning approved a motion of confidence introduced by a fringe party and this temporarily removed the threat of a Cabinet crisis, and a general election.

During the debate Mr Poul Hartling, the Prime Minister, had been so certain that an elec*tion was inevitable that he had* already chosen June 11 as its probable date. His Cabinet was formed after the election in December, 1973.

Parliament will meet again in the coming week to discuss modifications of the Government's plans. The threat of a Cabinet crisis is not entirely removed, however, as Mr Hartling's Liberal Party has only 22 of the 179 seats in the Folketing.

Victory for Swiss in bridge Olympiad

From a Bridge Correspondent
Las Palmas, May 10

The mixed pairs championship at the bridge Olympiad ended in the small hours of the morning with the Americans making a late rally to take four of the first 10 places, with Italy taking three and Switzerland, France and Sweden one each. *The final standing were:*

1, Mrs Gordon and Trad (Switzerland), 15,274; 2, Mrs Machel and Cayne (United States), 15,030; 3, Mrs Cohen and Vial (France), 14,757; 4, Mr and Mrs Moss (United States), 14,750; 5, Mrs Baschieri and Toffoli (Italy), 14,734; 6, Mrs Moscati and Stoccoli (Italy), 14,681; 7, Mr and Mrs Sanders (United States), 14,649; 8, Mrs Valenti and Mondolfo (Italy), 14,576; 9, Mrs Farrell and Schwenke (United States), 14,516; 10, Mrs Silborn and Jansson (Sweden), 14,447.

The winners Tony Trad and Mrs Lula Gordon are both former Egyptian internationals now of Swiss nationality. In 1960 Mrs Gordon was a member of the United Arab Republic team which won the women's championship at the first *bridge Olympiad*.

Although five American teams are among the eight finalists in the mixed teams championship they have suffered a loss of confidence with the news that Benito Garozzo, the world champion, has arrived to join the Italian team. With Garozzo and Belladonna who are arguably the two best players in the world in their ranks the Italians have been established as firm favourites.

Goalkeeper makes life-saving catch

Ferney-Voltaire, France, May 10.—Pierre Vanier, a former soccer goalkeeper, made the save of his life here yesterday when he caught a five-year-old girl who fell 60ft from a sixth-floor balcony. The girl escaped with a broken arm.—Reuter.

Strikers seize US firm's recording tapes

Nivelles, Belgium, May 10.—Striking workers seized 10,000 tape recording cassettes at a branch factory of the American company Ampex today and *threatened to sell them at low* prices if the company did not agree to their demands.

The union said in a letter to the Belgian Government that they demanded the automatic payment of a thirteenth monthly salary *and greater security* of employment.

A company spokesman said that the management considered the seizure of the cassettes as outright theft. He added that the company could not meet the *strikers' demands* because of a considerable increase of wage costs

French gunners are given nuclear missiles

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, May 10

A French Army unit has received its first operational Pluton tactical nuclear missiles, which can be fired from the French AMX 30 tanks.

In a report from its defence correspondent, *Le Monde* said tonight that the Third Artillery Regiment, stationed at Mailly, in the Aube, south-east of Paris, was thus *taking* part actively in the nuclear deterrent policy which until now was entrusted to the Air Force and the Navy.

Six artillery regiments, the newspaper went on, were to be equipped with the Pluton mis*siles by 1977. The 24ft missiles* fitted with AN-52 nuclear warheads have the destructive power just below that of the 1945 Hiroshima bomb and a range of about 62 miles.

Le Monde said that this development posed two questions. In view of the *silence* by French military authorities no one could know whether these first missiles to be distributed to the French Army had become operational before the precise conditions for their eventual use had *been laid down by the Govern*ment.

There was also the question of the attitude of the Bonn Government, the defence correspondent went on, as it was clear that the missiles were likely to *be fired from the French side* of the Rhine against targets on West German soil.

Herr Schmidt completes his Cabinet list

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, May 10

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the *prospective new West German* Chancellor, today completed his Cabinet list, to be announced after he is elected Chancellor by the Bundestag on Thursday.

This comes after a brief and amicable discussion between the coalition parties *last night* over the number of posts to be allotted to each.

The new Cabinet, by shedding the office of Minister without Portfolio, will be smaller by two members. The special coalition commission will meet again on Sunday to work out the contents of the Government declaration on policy which Herr Schmidt will deliver after he is elected.

The Opposition *has called* for all the facts on how the suspected East German spy, whose discovery led to the fall of Herr Brandt, the former Chancellor, gained access to top secret papers after being detected.

They also want to know about an alleged "hush money" payment of nearly £50,000 to prevent the publication of supposedly embarrassing matter about the *former Chancellor's days in* West Berlin up to 1966. This has already been officially denied.

The pro-government newspaper *Frankfurter Rundschau* today confidently reports that the Federal Criminal Bureau is investigating an alleged leak from the counter-intelligence service direct to the Opposition of the results of interrogations of Herr Günter Guillaume, the alleged "spy in the Chancellery."

Bonn, May 10.—The Upper House of the West German Parliament today threw out a government bill, legalizing abortion in the first three months of pregnancy. The opposition Christian *Democratic* Party holds the majority in the Upper House.

The Lower House may now reapprove the bill, but this time it must win an absolute majority. Originally it was passed on April 26 with two votes less than the absolute majority.

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Israel minister forecasts success for Dr Kissinger's efforts to achieve agreement with Syria

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, May 10

Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, arrived from Egypt today and drove to Jerusalem to report to Mrs Meir, the Prime Minister, on his talks in Riyadh and Cairo. He is to proceed to Damascus on Sunday to continue his attempts to mediate a disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria.

A member of his entourage said there was greater optimism in the mission after the Cairo meetings with President Sadat.

Meanwhile, on the northern front shelling continued and both sides used aircraft. Four Syrian aircraft attacked Israel targets and Israel jets intermittently struck at areas in Lebanon where Arab terrorists are reported to be concentrated.

Tel Aviv, May 10.—Mr Yigal Allon, the Deputy Prime Minister, said here today that he would not be surprised if an agreement for a separation of forces between his country and Syria was achieved in the near future. The chances of agreement were better than they were a few weeks ago.

He told reporters: "I shall not be surprised if the efforts of Dr Kissinger will not have been in vain."

Mr Allon, speaking at Ben-Gurion airport before leaving for talks with Mr Wilson in London, said the Israel Government had determined a line behind which it was prepared to stand in the framework of a separation of forces agreement.

"I do not expect that any further changes in this line are possible", he added.

Mr Allon said his Government had learned from the American delegation that a basic development had taken place in the Syrians' thinking, and that they were now prepared to reach an agreement with Israel.

"I cannot of course say, in view of the internal differences that exist among the Syrian leadership, whether this willingness will find an expression by agreeing to our proposals. However, the chances for such an agreement have definitely improved."

During his visit to London Mr Allon will attend memorial services for Mr Richard Crossman, a minister in the previous Labour Government and a staunch friend of Israel.

Dr Kissinger said today after 90 minutes of talks with Israel leaders that he thought progress had been made. Mr Abba Eban, the Israel Foreign Minister, also said some progress had been made.

A crowd of several hundred massed outside Mrs Meir's residence where the talks were being held. Many were supporting 20 intellectuals who are on hunger strike in protest against any territorial concessions by Israel on the Golan Heights.—Reuter and Agence France Presse.

Paul Martin writes from Damascus: The Syrian regime is depending on Dr Kissinger to wring more concessions out of Israel on withdrawal from territory captured in the 1967 war. Having branded the Israel plan brought to Damascus last week as "inadequate", Syrian officials maintain that Dr Kissinger's talks are now reaching their most critical stage.

Clearly, from a Syrian point of view, the proposals so far put forward by Israel are well short of the mark. The offer to withdraw from the eastern part of the town of Quneitra is negated by Israel's insistence on the maintenance of three settlements to the west. As far as the Syrians are concerned, the return of the entire town is essential.

The Israel offer regarding Mount Hermon is also considered inadequate. The Israelis have proposed handing over the peak of Mount Hermon to the United Nations, while maintaining their strategic position on the southern lesser peak. Independent military sources maintain this is no concession since the peak is still unconquered by either side.

Nevertheless, the Syrians are in a relaxed mood. The battle for Mount Hermon and the artillery and tank duels on the Golan front have boosted national morale.

US welcome for 'Wilson plan' on oil crisis

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, May 10

Mr Harold Lever, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has been most encouraged by his reception in Washington. He has been discussing with American officials the steps which the industrialized world should take to save the world economy from serious difficulties caused by the rise in the price of oil.

The "Lever plan", otherwise known as the "Wilson plan", turns out to be a variant of the "Kissinger plan", announced at the Washington energy conference. For Mr Lever, who is the Prime Minister's adviser in economic matters, the main point of the plan, whoever its author, is its flexibility.

He believes that the intergovernmental agency which he suggests should be set up to buy oil from the oil producing countries, would control the immense flow of money round the world, give the producing countries a guaranteed price, by indexing it on some other commodity and thus protecting oil revenues against inflation, and would save the developing countries from collapse.

He believes that several of them face imminent disaster and that the same prospect faces some industrialized countries, with Italy probably on the top of the list. Unless something is done about it, an international catastrophe might come about.

Mrs Meir objects to new coalition moves

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, May 10

Disdaining angry protests by Mrs Golda Meir, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister-designate, today sounded out Mrs Shulamit Aloni, leader of the Civil Rights List movement, about joining his proposed Government.

Mrs Aloni, long a thorn in Mrs Meirs side, said she will consult the executive of her Civil Rights List over the weekend.

Mr Rabin, who is Minister of Labour in the outgoing Government, has been nominated by the Labour Party's Central Committee to succeed Mrs Meir. The three weeks mandate to form a new Government which he received from President Katzir expires next Friday.

Mr Rabin's approach to Mrs Aloni was part of his effort to form a coalition composed of the Labour Alignment, the Independent Liberals and the Civil Rights List, which together would hold 61 of the 120 seats in Parliament. An attempt to form a stronger coalition including the National Religious Party without the Civil Rights List has been unsuccessful.

At a caucus of the Labour Party, Mrs Meir early this morning tried to block the proposed coalition and proposed a narrower one comprising only the Labour Alignment and the Independent Liberals.

This narrow coalition would control only 58 seats in Parliament but would probably win a vote of confidence through the cooperation of left-wingers and "doves" who would jump at the opportunity of replacing Mrs Meir by Mr Rabin and getting rid of Mr Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister.

Mrs Meir and Mr Dayan are members of the caretaker Government which retains power until a new administration wins a parliamentary majority.

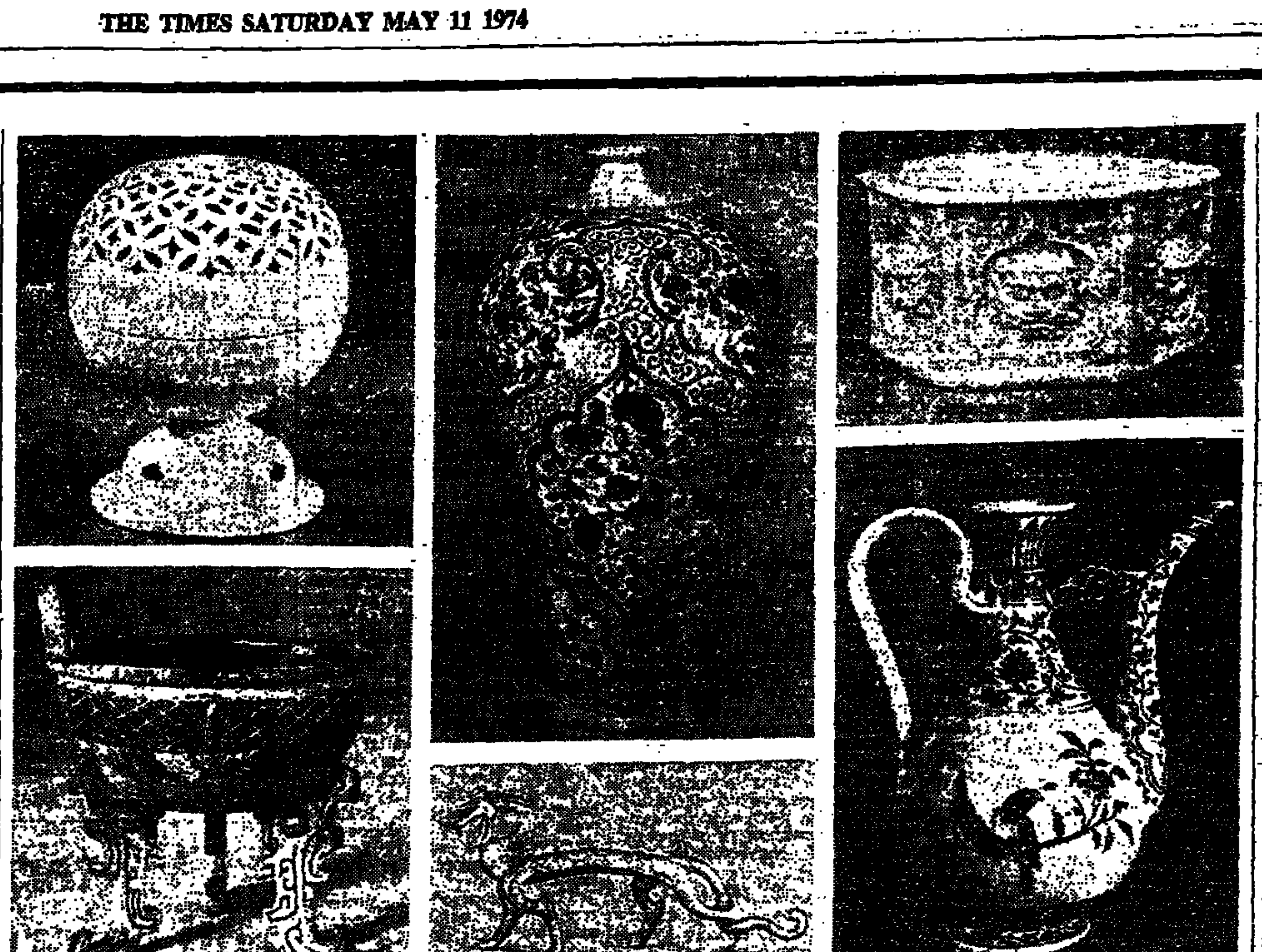
Mrs Meir said her objections to Mrs Aloni were not personal but she feared that the Government was already too "dovish" and the inclusion of the Civil Rights List would make it more so. When Mr Yadlin, the party's Secretary-General, refused to put her motion to a vote, she gathered her handbag and her cigarettes and stalked out of the hall.

She will probably carry her fight to the Central Committee of the party which is scheduled to meet here on Sunday. In her speech she said if she is outvoted in the Central Committee (which has 614 members) she will abide by the majority decision

In his approach to Mrs Aloni, Mr Rabin cautiously refrained from making any formal offer pending the decision of the Central Committee.

By a vote of 32—2 the caucus ruled this morning that no new offers should be made to the National Religious Party. The negotiations broke down over their demand for legislation providing that proselytes be recognized as Jews only if converted in accordance with Orthodox rituals. Labour Party negotiators also rejected their proposal that rabbinical attachés be assigned to missions abroad to rule on the Jewishness of applicants for immigration.

On its part the Labour Party offered to undertake that the entire Government should resign in a year if it fails by that time to find a satisfactory solution to the problem, but this did not satisfy the religious party.



Collector's items: On June 24 and 25 Christie's are to sell the collection of Chinese art formed by Mr Frederick M. Mayer, of New York. The auctioneers describe it as the finest collection to be auctioned since the Second World War—as indeed it is (Geraldine Norman writes). A few years ago this would have meant little to the general public. Now people have been alerted to its financial value by the Japanese and to its aesthetic value by the Chinese exhibition at Burlington House in London.

Public taste has caught up with Mr Mayer and can appreciate the extraordinary achievement of this collection, formed quietly since 1945, and displaying an eye for quality and a delightfully personal taste.

Top left, Ting incense burner, a northern Sung piece dating from the early twelfth century. There are only two hair cracks after 900 years.

Top centre, probably the most valuable article in the sale, a fourteenth century octagonal blue and white baluster jar or *mei p'ing*. The panels depict a praying mantis on an edzuki bean branch and a cockroach among vine tendrils.

Top right, a rare tenth-century white ware mortar or bowl. Two others are recorded; this one is in perfect condition.

Bottom left, late Shang dynasty bronze ting, or ritual food vessel. The power of the design is enhanced by the unusual bird dragon feet.

Bottom centre, a gilt bronze sea dragon of the third or fourth century AD. One other example is recorded, now in Boston.

Bottom right, an early fifteenth-century wine ewer decorated in underglaze blue. The bird design is especially rare; this side shows a pair of hawfinches on a dog rose branch.

Hopes fade for quick end to India rail strike

From Michael Hornsby

Delhi, May 10

Hopes of a quick end to India's national rail strike, which goes into its fourth day tomorrow, appeared to fade tonight as strikers' representatives rejected the Government's settlement proposal.

At a meeting this morning with leaders of the opposition parties, Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, had offered to release jailed trade union officials and to resume negotiations provided the strike was simultaneously called off.

But the action committee representing the striking trade unions instructed railwaymen to continue the strike "in a peaceful and determined manner" and to pay no attention to "rumours of some formula of settlement".

In a statement issued from the Tihar jail in Delhi, Mr George Fernandes, the fasting president of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, which called the strike, told fellow workers to "keep fighting".

Mr Fernandes was arrested during the past week along with about 7,000 other trade union leaders under emergency regulations still in force two and a half years after the 1971 war with Pakistan.

The federation, which claims the membership of about half the 1.4 million full-time railway workers, is demanding a 75 per cent wage rise to give them parity with industrial workers in the nationalized sector and the introduction of an annual bonus.

An indefinite sympathy strike by some Government employees in the Posts and Telegraph and Inland Revenue departments, which began today, appeared only to have had a limited impact so far. Postal services have, however, been much restricted because of the rail strike.

The overall situation on the railways, which are being partly manned by territorial army units, deteriorated today, even according to official figures, with only 60 per cent of passenger, and 50 per cent of goods trains running.

Snub to Lions angers Tories

By Our Political Correspondent

Conservative backbenchers reacted predictably yesterday to the announcement that the British Embassy in South Africa had been told by the Foreign Office not to take part in social functions arranged for the British Lions rugby team now touring the country.

Mr Philip Goodhart, Conservative MP for Beckenham and honorary secretary of the backbenchers' 1922 Committee, tabled a question to the Prime Minister for answer next week asking whether Mr Wilson will issue instructions to ministers and officials not to attend social functions arranged for cultural groups visiting Britain from the Soviet Union "while there is evidence of continuing anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union".

Mr Goodhart said that if it was right to order people not to attend functions because of racial discrimination in South Africa, there must surely be an obligation to insist on the same boycott in respect of nations where another sort of racial discrimination was practised.

"I have in mind particularly the proposed visit of the Bolshoi Ballet in view of the protests made by Equity about the gross discrimination against the Panovs by the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad", he said.

In government circles it was confirmed that the Government is continuing a wide-ranging review of Anglo-South African trade with a view to expressing, through trade measures, the Government's disagreement with apartheid policies.

Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes: The British Lions rugby team, other than those members who have succumbed to an outbreak of gastroenteritis, were relaxing on the golf course near their hotel at Stilfontein, about 100 miles from Johannesburg, today. They were bitterly hurt by the instructions to the embassy here not to have anything to do with them officially.

Sir James Bottomley, the Ambassador, said he has passed on the Foreign Office instructions but declined further comment. But Mr Alun Thomas, the Lion's manager, who said when the team arrived on Tuesday that he would talk only about rugby and would steer clear of the political issues, said: "It is like a stab in the back for us and we are disappointed at the Government's decision. If it had happened while we were still at home we might have understood, but coming as it does while we are thousands of miles from home is something of a shock." The team management and the players took the Government's decision as a personal snub, but they would see the tour through regardless.

He likened his position to that of Mr Corrie Bornman, who managed the South African side during the 1969-70 tour of Britain which was disrupted by demonstrators. "I can only hope that I will do the job as well as he did", he said.

The South African authorities have avoided being drawn into the issue. Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Sport, who met the team on its arrival on Tuesday, has declined to comment on it at all.

The two senior men in South African rugby, Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, and Mr Jannie Le Roux, president of the Transvaal Rugby Union, flew to Australia today for next week's International Rugby Board meeting in Sydney. They are to seek assurances that political pressure will not be allowed to affect attitudes towards Springbok rugby sides. The two men were given Australian visas only two days ago.

In Cape Town the British Government's instruction evoked a sharp reaction. Feeling among English-speaking South Africans was expressed in the *Cape Argus* in a leading article which described the instruction as a "vain and petty gesture".

Dar es Salaam, May 10.—Tanzania has decided to break sporting ties with Britain over the visit to South Africa of the British Lions rugby team. The decision means that Tanzania's 1500 metres world record holder Filibert Bayi will not compete at Crystal Palace in August. The break was announced yesterday.—Reuter.

Pakistan hopes Mr Bhutto can step up Chinese aid

From Our Correspondent

Rawalpindi, May 10

The reported illness of Mr Chou En Lai, the Prime Minister of China, has not altered the plans of Mr Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, for his four-day state visit to Peking.

Mr Bhutto leaves tomorrow by air for Peking at the head of a delegation comprising ministers, members of Parliament and officials. They will hold talks with the Chinese leaders mainly on development in the subcontinent now that Pakistan has recognized Bangladesh and the repatriation of all Pakistani prisoners of war has been completed.

Observers here hope Mr Bhutto's discussions in Peking will pave the way for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh. China's policy towards Bangladesh and India is expected to be influenced by the talks in Peking. China is expected to drop her opposition to the admission of Bangladesh as a member of the United Nations.

There is every indication that cooperation between Pakistan and China has been expanding militarily and economically.

The nature and value of Chinese military assistance have not been disclosed but Chinese weapons are reported to have equipped several divisions and squadrons of the Pakistan Army and Air Force.

In the economic field China has made four outright grants and has expended interest free credit of 500m yuan (about £100m) repayable in 40 years.

Briton accused of sabotaging Ceylon economy

From Our Correspondent

Colombo, May 10

A Londoner, tried in his absence, and his Ceylonese business associates were today found guilty on several charges of contravening the exchange control regulations in respect of sums totalling £650,000.

The Londoner is Mr Johnathan Kingsley Jackson, of Lothair Road, Ealing. The others on trial were, Mr Raja Ratnopal and Mr Ahmed Mubark Thana, both businessmen, and Mr George Abeyaratna, a solicitor.

Mr G. P. A. Silva, the presiding judge, said the accused, who had carried out large scale operations in a systematic manner, were guilty of calculated acts of economic sabotage. Sentences will be announced later.

Shadow of freedom on Beira road

From Michael Knipe

Beira, May 10

The still smouldering wreckage of a long-distance bus, destroyed by Frelimo bazooka and machine gun fire, was the latest grim evidence of the Mozambique guerrilla organization's response to the change of power in Lisbon.

I came across the wreckage in which six died yesterday, while travelling by road with two other correspondents from Lourenço Marques to Beira. The 800-mile road link between the two main cities is a vulnerable main artery and clearly a prime target of the rebels.

It passes along what is known here as "the coconut coast", a palm-fringed beach playground, which the Mozambique authorities have been preparing as a major tourist attraction. But today the neatly designed picnic-spots with litter signs in English and Portuguese stand unused.

This thin line of trade and contact is populated for the first 300 miles northwards on either side by African mud hut kraals and dotted with a few sleepy Portuguese-style villages, with their elegantly delapidated architecture and Indian bazaars.

News of events in Lisbon and Lourenço Marques has spread along the road as swiftly as a bush fire. The word among many of the rural Africans, it seems, is that independence has actually arrived and soon they will reap the benefits.

At Inharrime, a river village 200 miles from Lourenço Marques, an Indian woman running a general store said: "They think independence has been declared. Some are already deciding who will take over my shop.

They say: 'Why should we work on the roads now independence is here'."

The Indian woman's impressions may be distorted by the stories she has heard from elsewhere in Africa.

Rural Africans themselves are reticent but they clearly see the change as a turn for the better. According to an American Protestant missionary, the Africans are hopeful that the change will bring them greater freedom and improved living standards.

How much latent sympathy was there among Africans for Frelimo? In the view of the missionary and of others with close contacts with the guerrilla organization, Frelimo was synonymous with nationalism and commanded an immense, if latent sympathy. Only fear kept it below the surface, said one European.

Whatever the sympathies of the Africans, they result in little obvious racial tensions along the Lourenço Marques-Beira road. At petrol stations and in stores, cafes and bars Africans continue to mix easily with whites and the sight—so strange in southern Africa—of whites and blacks eating in the same restaurants is still commonplace.

It was just four days before the Lisbon coup that Frelimo guerrillas attacked the road for the first time in their most southernly military action. In two separate incidents they killed three lorry drivers.

According to a South African couple running a hotel at Maxixe, a tiny coastal village where dhows continue to ply a modest trade, the incident was an isolated one.

"A hunting party went out and got six of the terrorists", said the wife dispassionately. "We don't expect any further trouble."

The following day, however, sipping coconut juice at a roadside store we heard of the attack on the coach.

At the Save river our car joined a convoy of 20 vehicles guarded by a detachment of black uniformed African militia. This part of the journey took us through a virtually depopulated 200-mile stretch of thick bushland, divided into several hunting concession areas. It is perfect guerrilla country.

One of the few people we encountered on the way was Miss Polissena Binda, a dark-skinned Portuguese woman, living alone and running a timber and hunting business with a staff of 25 Africans. She had heard of the ambush from a passing lorry driver in the morning.

"Things are going from bad to worse", she said. "We don't know what's happening." Asked whether she could trust her African staff, she replied: "Of course not. I hope for independence, but independence for us—not for the natives."

A seventeenth birthday in a Turkish jail

Izmir, Turkey, May 10.—The British schoolboy, Timothy Davey, celebrated his seventeenth birthday today with a family party in the Turkish jail where he is serving a sentence for drug offences.

He was joined by his mother who brought a cake, and by his brothers and sisters at the Sirinyer juvenile prison here.

"There was a few presents and everyone sang happy birthday," a prison official said. "We had quite a party."

Timothy Davey has been in prison since August, 1971, when as a 14-year-old schoolboy he was arrested on charges of conspiring to sell 26 kilos of hashish. He was sentenced to six years three months imprisonment, but is expected to be released with thousands of other Turkish prisoners under a government amnesty.

The amnesty has been held up by a row over whether it should benefit jailed leftists.—Reuter.

Labourer's feet hacked off by terrorists

From Our Correspondent

Salisbury, May 10

The feet of a black farm labourer were hacked off by terrorists last weekend, the police here said today. His friends were forced to hold him down naked on a piece of wood while it was done. The man, who was also bayoneted, was now recovering in a Salisbury hospital.

Details of this latest atrocity in Rhodesia's north-eastern border area were given by a Salisbury police spokesman. The labourer was at a beer drinking party in a tribal trust land near Centenary on Sunday afternoon when the terrorists appeared. They asked the people present to identify themselves.

They singled out the labourer, who is a Malawian, and forced him to lie naked on the ground. He was battered with rifle butts and then, the police said, his friends were forced to hold him down while a log was placed under his ankles. The terrorists hacked off his feet with an axe taken from a kraal near by. He was then bayoneted in the side and his friends were told to bury him. The man was not named, but he is thought to be aged about 30.

Japan's sanction breaking threatened

From Peter Hazelhurst

Japan, May 10

Reports that a new civilian government in Lisbon will try to reach a political settlement with rebel forces in Portugal's African colonies have alarmed a large section of Japan's steel industry which is importing illegally large quantities of Rhodesian chrome through Mozambique ports. Japan's chrome imports could be cut by 25 per cent.

Chrome ore, a vital component in the production of stainless and other high grade steel, has been shipped by rail across Mozambique, Rhodesia's lifeline to the sea, and exported through Lourenço Marques to Japan on false South African certificates of origin.

Statistics show that Japan has been importing over 25 per cent of its total chrome resources through this route and the repercussion of a possible change in the political status of Portugal's East African colony will obviously come as a serious threat to Japan's steel and metal industry. If Rhodesia's supply is cut off, Japan will have to look for alternative sources, but the number of countries which produce the scarce ore are limited, as a steel company executive admitted today.

Japan's two second biggest suppliers of chrome are India (221,224 tons last year) and the Soviet Union (95,333 tons). Japan also received limited supplies from smaller producers including Turkey, Brazil and Iran.

29 leftist leaders brought for trial in Santiago

Santiago, May 10.—Twenty-nine leaders of Chile's former leftist Government have been brought from Dawson Island to Santiago for trial and are being held at four different detention centres, the Government announced today.

Colonel Jorge Espinoza, of the prison board, said he had met all the defendants and they were in good health. At least 6,000 people remain in detention camps throughout Chile awaiting military trial, but the 29 from Dawson are the main surviving figures of the Allende administration.

Journalists have not been allowed to see any of the defendants. The prisoners are accused of conspiring to establish a guerrilla army and then a Marxist dictatorship in Chile.—AP.

Chained man hands out anti-Greece leaflets

From Our Correspondent

Athens, May 10

A young German today chained himself to a lamp-post in Constitution Square, Athens, and distributed hundreds of anti-regime leaflets before security men, who beat him up savagely, managed to free him with the help of a locksmith.

The man was named by the police as Hans Wallraff, aged 32, a factory worker from Cologne. But other sources insisted he was Günter Wallraff, a well known author who edits the Hamburg magazine *Das Da*, and is the husband of a niece of Herr Heinrich Böll, the Nobel Prize winning author.

Eyewitnesses in Constitution Square, crowded at lunchtime with Greeks and foreign tourists, said Herr Wallraff, a short, thin man, tied himself to the post by the neck with a chain secured by two padlocks. Plainclothes men on patrol duty rushed to pull him away but, failing, beat him up. Blood was seen on the back of his head.

Mr Albert Coerant, a Dutch radio reporter, was arrested while photographing the incident and was taken to a police station where his film and recorded tape were confiscated although he showed his credentials. He was later released.

The leaflets handed out by Herr Wallraff were in Greek and English. They called for the restoration of freedom in Greece, the liberation of political prisoners, abolition of censorship and free elections.

They said this action was the first of a series of demonstrations of various kinds which would be held throughout Greece to show solidarity with the Greeks.

The leaflet told tourists "While human rights are suppressed by force and torture we urge tourists of the democratic countries not to come to Greece. Better go to Portugal where, too, the sun shines 365 days a year. Do not come to Greece where people are tortured 365 days a year, because here there are at least 100 dead victims of the regime, because here there are at least 200 political prisoners."

The text appealed to Nato countries to cut off all aid to the regime which continues to oppress, persecute, imprison, torture and murder Greek democrats".

The Athens special military court today convicted 21 Greeks for breaking the martial law. Two of the, who painted "anarchist" slogans on walls, were jailed for 12 and 18 months respectively. Nineteen others charged with illegal possession of arms, price control violations and operating "ham" radios received prison terms of from to six months.

Mr Whitlam's 6,000-mile day of electioneerin

Perth, May 10.—Mr Whitl Australia's Prime Minis ended one of his most he days of campaigning for n week's federal elections wi rousing rally here today.

A wildly-cheering cr packed Perth's town hall thousands more lined ne streets to hear Mr Whitlam

The Prime Minister is tr ling more than 6,000 mile make campaign appearanc three state capitals today. flew from Brisbane, Qu land, to Alice Springs, in Northern Territory, and there to Perth, capital Western Australia, for a lu time rally. Then he is t home to Sydney via Adela

Meanwhile, Mr Bill Sned the Opposition leader, has celled plans for a weekend in his Melbourne home to paign among the shaky Li seats in Queensland.

Domestic issues, partic inflation and Australian c of the important mining s continue to dominate the r to the May 18 general ele —Reuter.

Tito visit postponed

Belgrade, May 9.—An visit next month to West many by Marshal Tito has postponed because of the nation of Herr Brandt, the cellor.—Agence France-Pr

Communists quit Vietna talks over status issue

From Victoria Brittain

Saigon, May 10

The delegates of the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government walked out of today's regular meeting of the Joint Military Committee, leaving behind a note saying they were suspending the JMC meetings indefinitely, the South Vietnamese military spokesman announced.

This leaves the two South Vietnamese parties with no forum for negotiations. The political negotiations in Paris were suspended by the South Vietnamese Government last month.

Today's suspension is in protest against the South Vietnamese Government's action in rescinding the 11 points of privilege worked out in the JMC last year. These never gave the PRG delegates the diplomatic status accorded to them in the Paris agreement, but did allow them telephones, newspapers, weekly press conferences, access to the diplomatic community at receptions, military escorts to call on delegations at the International Commission for Control and Supervision, and so on. In addition, twice weekly flights to the communist-held town of Loc Ninh were provided by the Government in compliance with the June communiqué.

The suspension of th meetings is not surprisin was the only method of open to the PRG. The n negotiations were alread locked.

The PRG delegation's valuable function in Saig become its relationship w press, which resulted in sion of many important fire violations being prin the world next to the Sou namese Government vers

In the present hostile the suspension may wel long one, though neither this stage will want to permanent end to the talks. The PRG does not lose its toehold in Saigon, back to Loc Ninh, and the ernment does not want the ICCS which would ha if the JMC broke up. Mo neither side wants to that all hopes have disa of getting military neg

The Iranian chief who was chairman of th last month, sent two le General Hiep, the Sout namese JMC delegate, for a discussion of the privileges after they we pended. General Hiep ca ICCS letters "illegal refused to discuss the

KHRUSHCHEV MEMOIRS

Soviet leaders must always keep a bit between teeth of the military

Vith *authorization of* Time *agazine, exclusive to* The imes.)

fter the war we had a rationing stem. The means of produc- on were turned over largely to e production of weapons. The emory of the war we had just on against the Hitlerite occu- ers made our people willing to ghten their belts and endure ardship. They did so out of triotism and out of fear for e lives of their loved ones. lmost any sacrifice was justi- ed if it gave us the military tential to deter our advers- ies from attacking the Soviet nion.

When I was leader of the party d the government I, too, real- ed that we had to economize astically on the building of mes, the construction of com- unal services, and even the velopment of agriculture in der to build up our defences. went so far as to suspend the nstruction of subways in Kiev, ku, and Tbilisi so that we could direct those funds into engthening our defence and unterattack forces. We also ilt fewer athletic stadiums, imming pools, and cultural cilities.

I think, at the time at least, was right to concentrate on litary spending, even at the pense of all but the most sential investments in other eas. If I hadn't put such a th priority on our military eds, we couldn't have sur- ed. I devoted all my strength the rearmament of the Soviet ion. It was a challenging and portant stage in our lives.

Now that I'm living with my mories and little else, I think k often to that period when, a creative surge, we rearmed Soviet army. I'm proud that honour of supervising the nsition to the most up-to- e weaponry fell on me as the airman of the Council of isters and the First Secretary the Central Committee. While vas in office our people and army became invincible.

However, we were taking a k by allocating so much of resources to the military tor. Once we reached the int where we had what it took defend ourselves and deter r enemy, we readjusted our nomy. We recognized that if r people didn't have potatoes couldn't expect them to shout ooray" all the time—and if ey did shout "hooray", it uld be in a rather weak voice.

We began to economize on our military expenditures.

Now that I'm no longer active, I can't help noticing from my position as a pensioner that the economizing trend we started seems to have been reversed, that now money is being wasted on unnecessary items and categories, and that this new trend of military overspending is putting a pinch on some of the more important, but still underfinanced, areas of our country's life. However, I'm isolated from the world, and I should speak only about what I know. I know that the capitalists were the first to form a military alliance after the war and that we were the first to propose the dissolution of the two opposing alliances, Nato and the Warsaw Pact. We should continue to press towards that goal.

Meanwhile, we should keep in mind that it's the size of our nuclear missile arsenal, and not the size of our army, that counts. The infantry has become, so to speak, not the muscle but the fat of the armed forces. Therefore the manpower of the army should be reduced to an absolute minimum. The fewer people we have in the army, the more people we will have available for other, more productive, kinds of work. This realization would be a good common point of departure for the progressive forces of the world in their struggle for peaceful coexistence.

We must also press for arms control. We were able to persuade the imperialists that it was in their interests, as well as in ours, to limit the arms race. During my political career we reached a partial agreement on nuclear testing. We agreed to ban tests in three spheres: the air, the land, and under water. The treaty was signed in Moscow on August 5, 1963. It was a good beginning, but the United States refused to include underground tests in the ban.

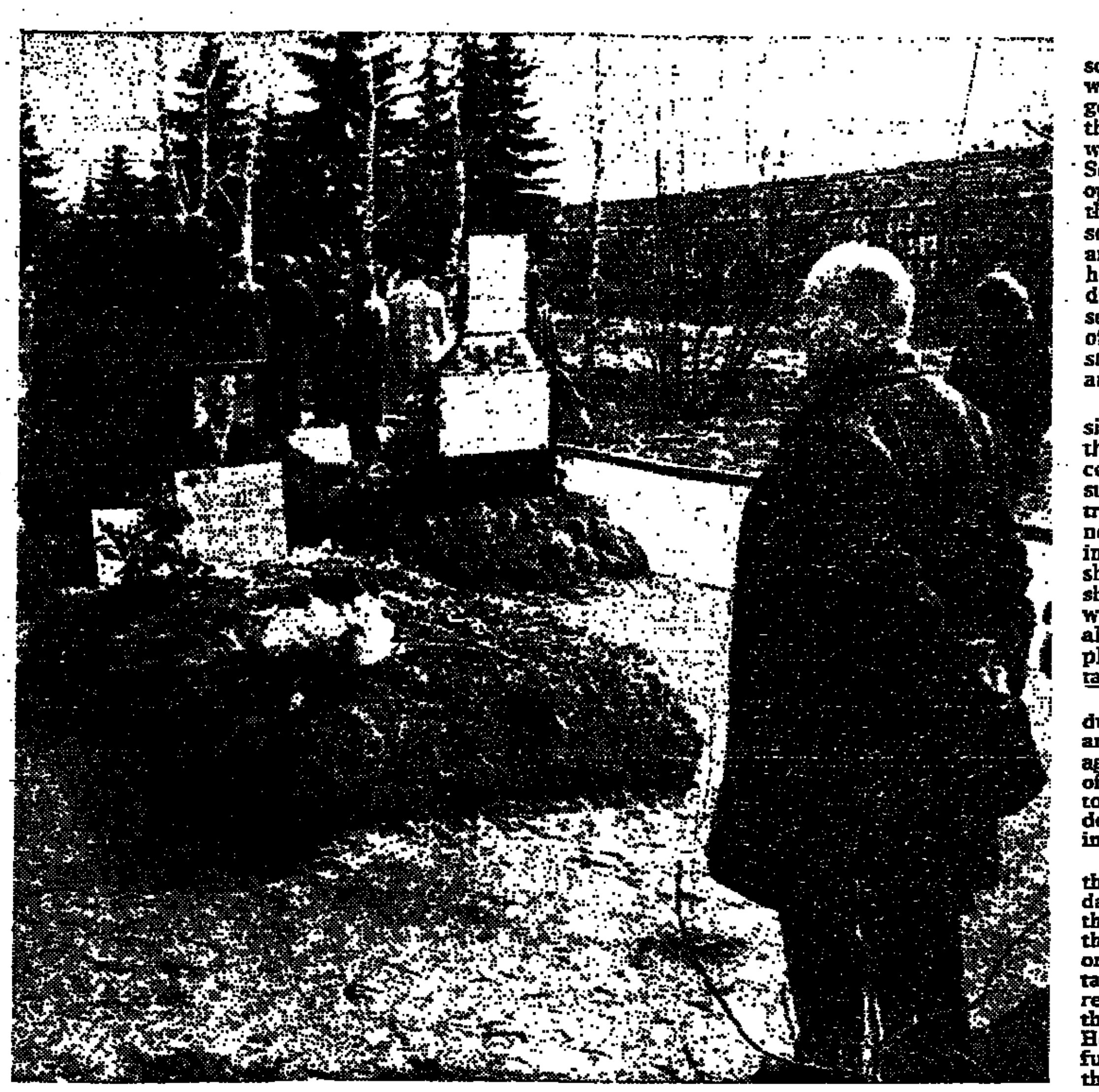
However, I must also say that the Americans proposed certain arms control measures to which we could not agree. I'm thinking now about their insistence that a treaty include a provision for on-site inspection anywhere in our country. In general, the idea of arms control was acceptable to us. Zhukov, who was the Defence Minister at the time, and I agreed in principle to on-site inspection of the border regions and to airborne reconnaissance of our territory up to a certain distance inside our borders, but we couldn't allow the United States and its allies to send their inspectors criss-crossing around the Soviet Union. They would have discovered that we were in a relatively weak position, and that realization might have encouraged them to attack us.

However, all that has changed. While it might still be true that the United States has a quantitative advantage over us—and that Nato has a quantitative advantage of the Warsaw Pact—in terms of total accumulated means of destruction, we no longer lag behind to any significant degree.

Therefore, I think there is no longer any reason for us to resist the idea of international control. If I had any influence on the policy of the Soviet Union, I would urge that we sign a mutual agreement providing for more extensive inspection than was possible when Zhukov and I deliberated. More specifically, I would favour on-site inspection in designated parts of the country around our frontiers. (When I talk about our frontiers, I'm talking about our western borders. I'm putting aside the problem of our eastern borders because we have a special situation there with China. The pathological hatred of the Chinese for the Soviet Union and our ideological line makes an understanding with them impossible for me to imagine.)

Sticking to the matter of our relations with the West, I'd also favour on-site inspection at all military bases, especially airfields. It's essential that airfields be open to inspection, so that neither side could concentrate troop transports for a sneak attack. We're afraid of a surprise attack by our enemies just as much as they're afraid of such an attack by us. We need a system of inspection as much as they do. In short, I would like to see us sign a mutual treaty of non-aggression and inspection.

"But what about espionage?" people might ask. My answer to that is: we'll learn as much about the other side's military technology as it will learn about ours. After all, what is military intelligence but an attempt to find out what your adversary is doing? And isn't that basically the same thing as arms control inspection? Both sides are engaged in military intelligence, just as both are engaged in counter-intelligence. As long as there are two opposing social systems in the world, those whose profession is espionage won't be out of a job.



Khrushchev's grave in Moscow. A picture taken this year.

Besides, I was never too impressed by our ability to keep secrets from the enemy. I once asked Comrade Malinovsky why the latest data about our army and weaponry was always turning up in the foreign press.

"What's going on here?" I said. "Is there a spy in our General Staff, or what?"

He shrugged his shoulders and replied, "I can't say for sure, but I think the enemy must keep track of what we're doing through standard intelligence-gathering means."

Naturally, we don't want to undress all the way and stand before Nato inspectors as naked as Adam. Perhaps in the first stage of an arms control agreement, we could extend inspection to all our defence plants but allow the inspectors to see only the final products as they come off the line, without letting them subject our hardware to technological analysis. That way, we could keep secret the design of certain weapons. Such an arrangement would necessarily be temporary, but it might give us time to work out other more far-reaching agreements to prevent World War III.

Up until now, I've hesitated to mention my thoughts on extending arms control over rocket technology and the deployment of warheads. You could say I've been saving the subject for dessert. Missiles, of course, are the most destructive means of all—and I don't care whether you call them offensive or defensive. I believe that until we have established mutual trust with our current adversaries, our ICBMs must be kept in readiness as our major deterrent. It is to be hoped that some day missiles, too, can be included in a disarmament agreement; but for the time being, our ICBMs are necessary to maintain the balance of fear. (By the way, I think the author of this phrase, "balance of fear", was that faithful dog of capitalism, Dulles.)

What if the capitalists drag their feet in agreeing to disarmament? I certainly know from my own experience how difficult it is to get them to agree on anything. I believe that even if a Soviet-American agreement on bilateral reduction in military spending were impossible, we should go ahead and sharply reduce our own expenditures—unilaterally.

If our enemies want to go on inflating their military budgets, spending their money right and left on all kinds of senseless things, then they'll be sure to lower the living standards of their own people. By so doing, they will be unwittingly strengthening the position of the Communist and progressive forces in their own midst, enabling them to cry out in a still louder voice against the reactionary forces of monopolistic capital.

If we were unilaterally to curtail the accumulation of military means, we would be demonstrating that in socialist countries the interests of the people and government are one and the same, while in capitalist countries the government represents only the interests of those who produce the means of destruction. Our good example will be noticed by the working class in capitalist countries, and it will give fighters for peace a chance to conduct mass propaganda in their countries.

By taking the initiative in scaling down the arms race, we will also appeal to the intelligentsia in the West and all over the world. Of course, I know we're not going to appeal to Senator Barry Goldwater. I'm operating on the assumption that the United States isn't made up solely of Goldwaters. Even among capitalists there are honest intellectuals, people of different religions, different social strata, and different levels of wealth, all united in the struggle to maintain peace among the nations.

The forces of peace are considerably more numerous than the forces of war. If we can encourage the peace movement by submitting to mutual arms control and even—should it be necessary—unilaterally reducing our own armed forces, we should do so. Our ultimate goal should be to reach an agreement with other countries to destroy all weapons, to disarm completely, and to dismantle military alliances.

Any leadership which conducts a policy of arms control and disarmament must be courageous and wise. The members of that leadership must be able to exercise their own independent judgment and not let others intimidate them.

Who, in our own country, are the "others" who can intimidate the leadership? They are the military. I don't reproach the military for that—they're only doing their job. The military is made up of men who are ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of their motherland. However, leaders must be careful not to look at the world through the eyeglasses of the military. Otherwise, the picture will appear terribly gloomy; the government will start spending all its money and the best energies of its people on armaments—with the result that pretty soon the country will have lost its pants in the arms race.

In our country, of course, since we have no private capitalist ownership and no big industrialists, we have no militaristic class as such. But our military puts similar pressure on our government. I'm not saying there's any comparison between our military in the socialist countries and capitalist generals, but soldiers will be soldiers. They always want a bigger and stronger army. They always insist on having the very latest weapons and on attaining quantitative as well as qualitative superiority over the enemy.

Once again, let me say: I'm not denying that our military men have a huge responsibility, and I'm not impugning their moral qualities. But the fact remains that the living standard of the country suffers when the budget is overloaded with allocations to unproductive branches of consumption. And today, as yesterday, the most unproductive expenditures of all are those made on the armed forces.

That's why I think that the military can't be reminded too often that it is the *government* that must allocate funds; it is the government that must decide how much the armed forces can spend.

We should be careful not to idolize the military. Among the military in the socialist countries you can find people who tend to regard the defence establishment as a higher caste. It is important to keep such people in check.

The military is prone to temptations; it is prone to indulge in irresponsible daydreaming and bragging. Given a chance, some elements within the military might try to force a militarist policy on the government. Therefore the government must always keep a bit between the teeth of the military.

When I say "the government", I mean the collective leadership, and I stress the word *collective*. There must, of course, be an outlet for individuality. Individual initiative must be able to express itself. But the decisions which guide and influence our Soviet State ought to be made collectively.

When I was the head of the government and also held the highest post in the Central Committee, I never made a decision on my own, without consulting and securing the approval of my comrades in the leadership. The conditions were such that it was impossible for one man to dictate his will to the others; I was in favour of those conditions, and I did my best to reinforce them.

I also did my best to resist the counsel of those who can't stop shouting, "We'll destroy our enemies! We'll wipe them out!" There are those who don't seem able to get it into their heads that in the next war the victor will be barely distinguishable from the vanquished.

All right, I know people will say, "Khrushchev is in a panic over the possibility of war". I am not. I've always been against war, but at the same time I've always realized full well that fear of nuclear war on the part of a country's leaders can paralyse that country's defenses. And if a country's defences are paralysed, then war really is inevitable.

Besides, what kind of panic would you expect from a man my age? I'm nearly 77 years old. As they say, I'm no longer on my way to the fair—I started my journey home a long time ago. Who knows how many years my ticker has left to run? Everything I've said in my memoirs I say as a Communist who wants a more enlightened Communist society—not for myself, because my time has already come and gone, but for my friends and for my people in the future.

Concluded.

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ndreas Polemis was convicted Thames Magistrates' Court on 11, 1973, on a summons alleg- that on July 9 he was the ter of the mv Corinthic from h oil or a mixture of oil was harged into navigable waters, ely, the West India Docks ers, London, contrary to section (a) of the Prevention of Oil ution Act, 1971. He was fined 00, with £36 costs, to be paid in one day.

r Conrad Dehn, QC, and Mr k Potter for the applicant, Mr mis; Mr Alan Campbell, QC, Mr Ami Feder for the Port of don Authority.

e LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said the Corinthic tied up on July he prosecution evidence was the berth was clean but that uly 9 a large patch of oil was which it was suspected had discharged from the bilges of vessel. On the morning of July n analyst's report stated that the dock and oil in the bilges of the same type. The appli- was served at 10.30 am that with a summons returnable at the same day.

The offences under section 2 were not trivial. There was a maximum fine of £50,000 on summary conviction and a fine without limit on indictment.

Nobody would criticize the authorities for the speed in issuing and serving the summons; the ship was due to sail that night. But the applicant, who had a very rudimentary knowledge of English and who knew nothing of the evidence, had to answer the summons at 2 pm. Solicitors were found for him, and they realized that they would need samples of the oil, evidence about when the oil first appeared and of the weather and wind conditions. They naturally made little progress before 2 pm.

The case was called at 2.30, and the lay magistrates rejected an application for an adjournment, being impressed no doubt that the ship was due to sail that evening. But as a concession to the difficulties of the defence they stood over the hearing until 4 pm, when it was transferred to a stipendiary magistrate in the same building. No new application for an adjournment was made, but the magistrate knew of the refusal.

Subsequent to the conviction, the defence obtained samples of the oil. Their Lordships were told that the analyst's report was not favourable to the defence, and they had to proceed on the basis that there was evidence that the oil in the water had come from the ship.

Clearly there was a breach of natural justice if a party, especially a defendant in a criminal case, was not given a reasonable opportunity to present his case. That was not confined to addressing the court but entailed a reasonable opportunity to prepare a case before presentation. Allocating further time did no good if there was still no opportunity for preparation. It was unarguable that the applicant had no reasonable opportunity.

Mr Campbell submitted that refusal of an adjournment was by the lay magistrates, so that there was no foundation for the case to quash a conviction by the stipendiary magistrate. Natural justice, however, required one to look at the treatment of the applicant in relation to the charge in question; there was no reason to distinguish between what happened before the lay magistrates and what happened before the stipendiary magistrate.

Counsel further submitted that it was not the practice to allow certiorari to issue when the complaint was that an inferior court had wrongly declined to order an adjournment and relied on *In re Ekins* ((1953) 117 JPJ 705). His Lordship did not doubt that that was generally correct, but *Ekins* was no authority for the proposition that the court could never use certiorari to correct a breach of natural justice simply because it was manifested in a refusal of adjournment. The Irish case of *R v Clare (J. J.)* ((1918) 2 Irish Rep 124) put the matter in balance.

His Lordship considered that where the essential allegation on which certiorari was sought was that the defendant was not given reasonable time to prepare his defence, the mere fact that that was not apparent until he asked for an adjournment did not prevent the court from treating the complaint as a ground for certiorari. The conviction had to be quashed.

His Lordship had been asked to give his views on the proper procedure in such cases for the guidance of magistrates. He thought that the lay justices in considering the application for an adjournment allowed themselves to be influenced by the fact that the ship was due to sail that evening and to allow an adjournment was to say goodbye to the proper trial of the case. They were wrong in that approach. The question that they should have asked themselves was: if we proceed now can the inquiry be conducted with due regard to natural justice? If the answer was no they should not have proceeded then.

The justices were fearful that the ship, the master and any remedy would slip away with the tide, but they had adequate powers to prevent that from happening. They had power to remand the master in custody, but in the present proceedings such an extreme course should not have been necessary but was a possibility as a last resort to stimulate the shipowners into making an acceptable suggestion for security, such as providing a surety for bail or depositing money in court. Indeed, the solicitors did try to provide security on that hurried day. The practical answer was that if the magistrates could not conduct a trial in accordance with natural justice before the ship sailed they should have adjourned the matter since they had adequate powers to obtain security on conviction and penalty.

Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice Bristow agreed.

The applicant's costs were ordered to be paid by the prosecution.

Solicitors: Richards, Butler & Co; T. V. Edwards & Co.

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nowledge not necessary in copyright conversion claim

A Records Ltd
nson King (Sales) Ltd
re Mr Justice Brightman
gment delivered May 9]

smissing a summons by on King (Sales) Ltd., under r 18 rule 19 of the Rules of Supreme Court, to strike out atement of claim by WEA rds Ltd and eight other record panies, his Lordship held that is not necessary when making aim under section 18 of the right Act, 1956, to allege vledge on the part of a person acquired infringing copies and d with them in circumstances hich he was not himself an nger. Knowledge was not an edient of the cause of action.

Leolin Price, QC, and Mr Mummery for Bensons, the ndants; Mr D. H. Mervyn es, QC, and Mr Andrew ritt for WEA and the other ntiffs.

S LORDSHIP said that the lication was to strike out a ment of claim on the ground it disclosed no cause of action. ere were nine plaintiffs and s said in the statement of claim each was the owner of a copy- in one or more of 33 tape rdings or was the exclusive see from the owner of the right. It was further alleged in 1972 Bensons had purchased antity of eight-track tape cart- s, manufactured by American Cartridge Recording (ACR) which embodied those tape recordings.

It was also alleged that none of the respective owners had authorized the making by ACR of the tape recordings, which would have been infringements if made in the United Kingdom, and that since September, 1972, Bensons had sold a large number of the unauthorized tape recordings and by so doing had converted them to their own use. The relief sought was an injunction to restrain sale, an inquiry as to damages for conversion, and delivery up of the tapes remaining in Bensons' possession.

The plaintiffs based their case on section 18 of the Copyright Act, 1956. The sole question was whether the statement of claim was demurrable, in the absence of an allegation that Bensons were aware that the tape recordings were infringing copies, or would have been if made in the United Kingdom. Put shortly the question at issue was whether there was any remedy in conversion against a person who acquired infringing copies and parted with them in circumstances in which he was not himself an infringer. The answer involved consideration of the general scope of the Act.

His Lordship referred to sections 2, 3, 5, 12 and 16 and said that knowledge by the defendant was an essential element in a case against someone alleged to have infringed copyright by importation and sale. Part III of the Act was cross-headed "Remedies for infringements of copyright". His Lordship referred to section 17, which afforded remedies against an infringer but placed some limit on the pecuniary relief if the infringement was shown to have been innocent.

Section 18 was the section on which the plaintiffs founded their claim. It gave the owners of copyright such rights and remedies in respect of conversion or detinue by any person of any infringing copy as he would be entitled to if he were the owner of such copy. "Infringing copy" was defined in subsection (3).

The plaintiffs' argument was that knowledge was not an ingredient of the cause of action which was given to the copyright owner by section 18. Innocence was merely a defence which the defendant would raise when appropriate.

Looking at the language of section 17, his Lordship concluded that the plaintiffs' submission was correct. The plaintiffs were copyright owners and the tape recordings were infringing copies. The plaintiffs had, by section 18, rights and remedies in respect of conversion and detinue. On the hypothesis of the facts in the statement of claim the plaintiffs were not required to prove that Bensons had acquired the tapes with knowledge that they were infringing copies.

The question then arose as to any relevant authorities. It seemed that there was no direct decision either under sections 17 and 18 of the 1956 Act or under sections 6 and 7 of the 1911 Act. But in the 1930s the question arose whether damages were recoverable under section 6 for infringement as well as under section 7 for conversion. Certain observations were made either in *Sutherland Publishing Co Ltd v Caxton Publishing Co Ltd* ([1936] Ch 323), where Lord Greene said: "*Section 7 is* not limited to conversion but includes detinue and is not limited to claims against the infringer of the copyright. Thus an innocent bookseller may be sued under that section." Similar views were expressed obiter in *Ash v Hutchinson Publishing Co Ltd* ([1936] Ch 489). It was plain that those dicta were unaffected by the judgments in the House of Lords in the *Sutherland* case ([1939] AC 178).

In those circumstances his Lordship read section 18 as providing a remedy against an innocent possessor in respect of conversion or detinue, just as in his Lordship's view a similar remedy had been available under the previous section 7. The summons must therefore be dismissed.

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on 29th April 1974 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £16,000,000 to £15,558,581 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the said Company.

And notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Plowman at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London W.C.2. on Monday the 20th day of May 1974.

Any Creditor Shareholder or Stockholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 9th day of May 1974.
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No. 00971 of 1974
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Group A MR REGISTRAR BERKELEY
In the Matter of CROSFIELDS & CALTHROP Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that by an ORDER dated the 6th May 1974 the Court has directed SEPARATE MEETINGS of the holders of (1) the Cumulative Preference Stock (2) the Ordinary Shares (3) the Special Ordinary Shares (4) the Restricted Shares (5) the 9½ per cent Partly Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/91 and (6) the 9½ per cent Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/91 respectively of the above named Company to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the said Company and the holders of its said classes of shares and stocks and that such Meetings will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2 on Monday the 3rd day of June 1974 at the respective times below mentioned namely —

1. The holders of the Cumulative Preference Stock at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon.
2. The holders of the Ordinary Shares at 11.05 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded).
3. The holders of the Special Ordinary Shares at 11.10 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meetings shall have been concluded).
4. The holders of the Restricted Shares at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meetings shall have been concluded).
5. The holders of the 9½ per cent Partly Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/91 at 11.20 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meetings shall have been concluded)
6. The holders of the 9½ per cent Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/91 at 11.25 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meetings shall have been concluded).

At which place and respective times all the aforesaid Shareholders and Stockholders are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, Forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above mentioned Act at the Registered Office of the Company situate at 323 Vauxhall Road, Liverpool, L5 2RN and at the office of the under mentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.

The said Shareholders and Stockholders may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person whether a member of the Class or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

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By the said Order the Court has appointed Sir Gwilym Tecwyn Williams or failing him Roy Picton Taylor or failing him Norman Robinson Riley to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

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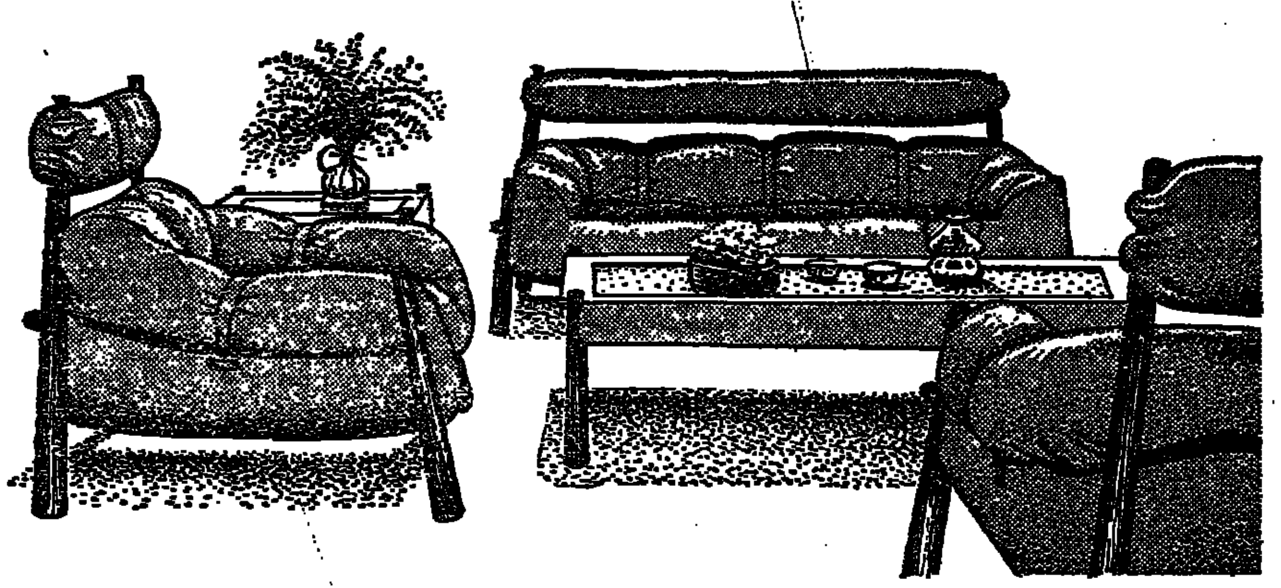

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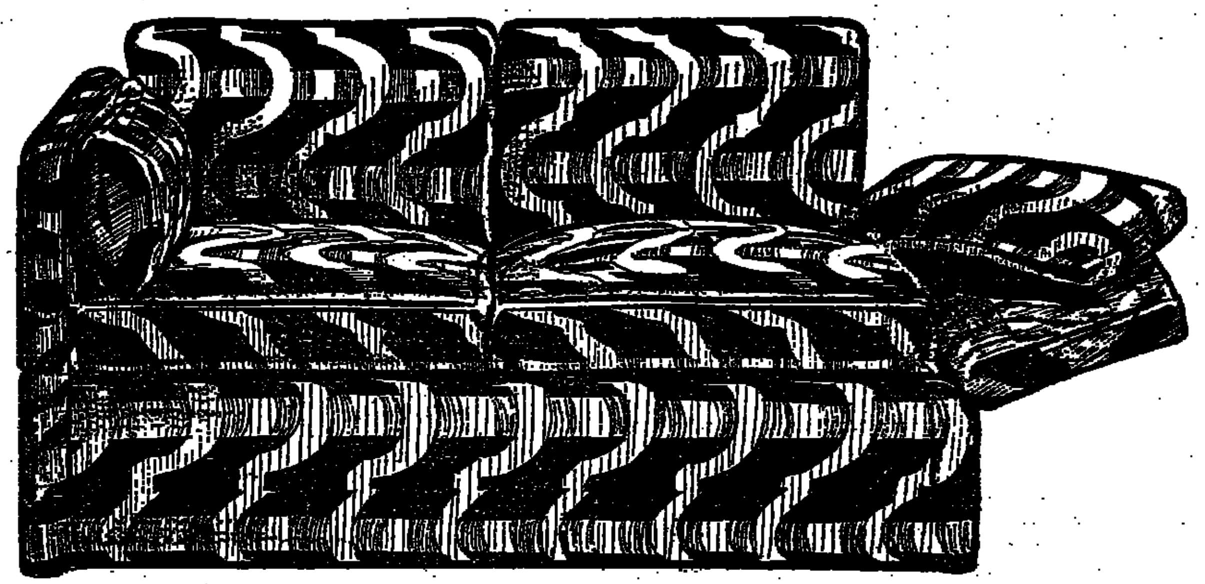

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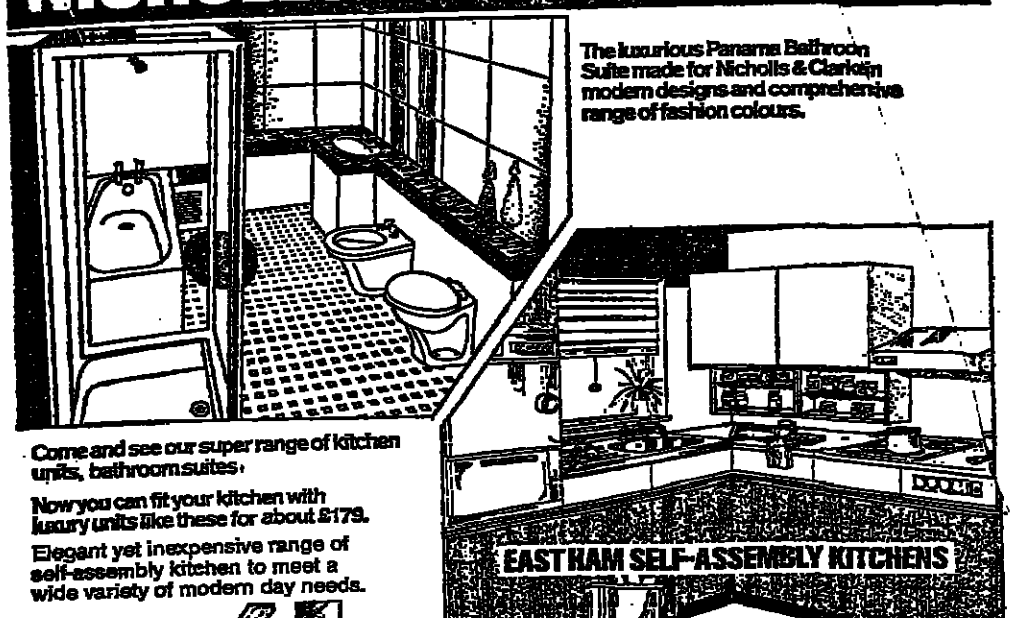

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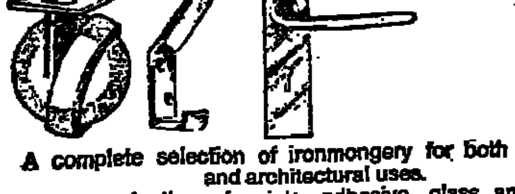

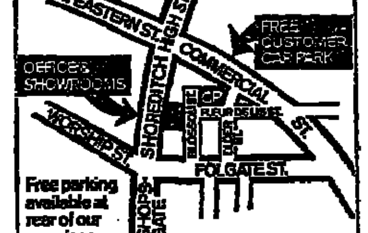

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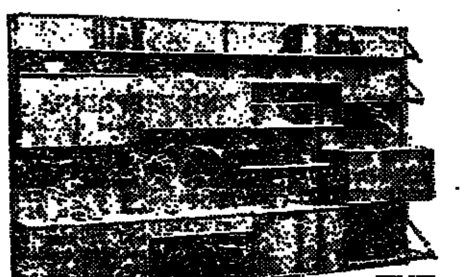

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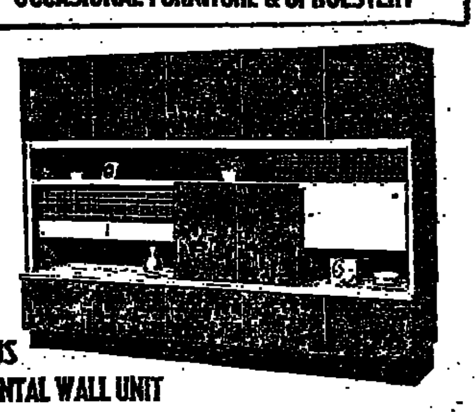

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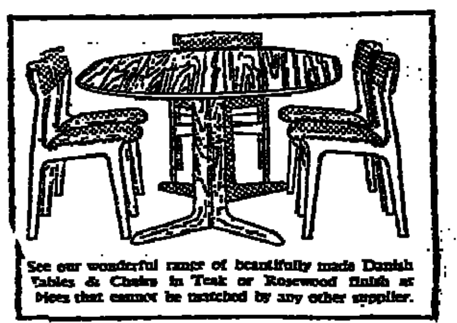

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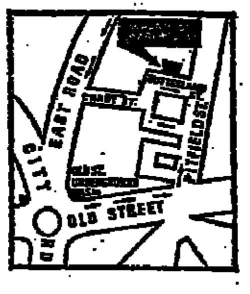

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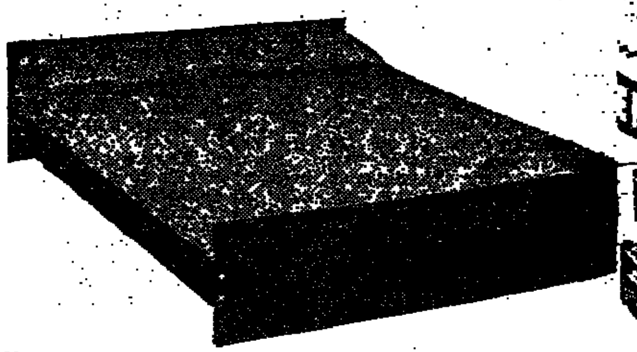

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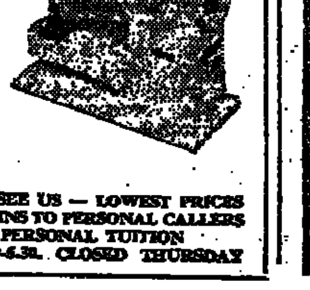

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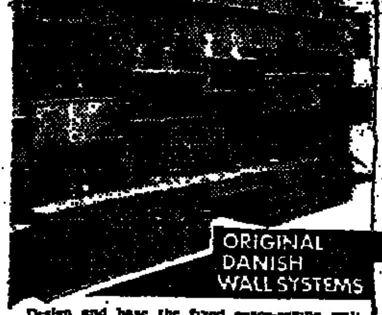

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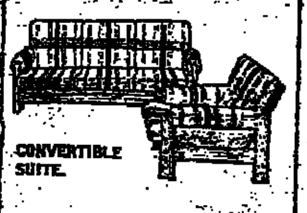

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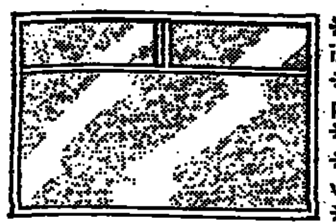

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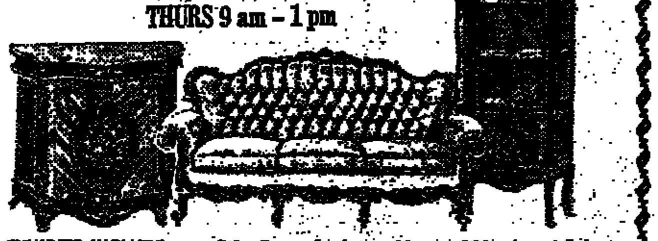

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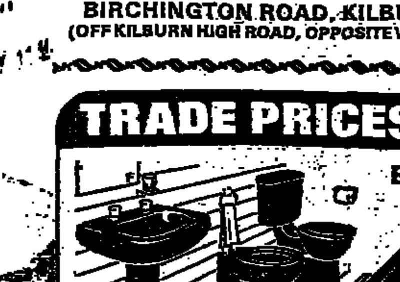

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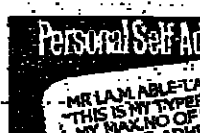

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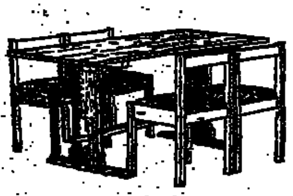

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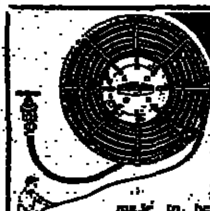

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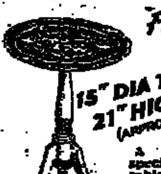

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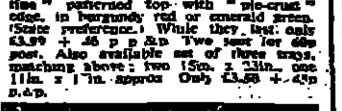

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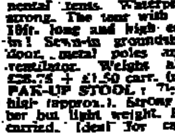

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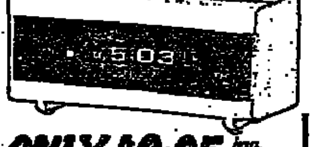

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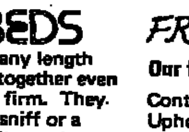

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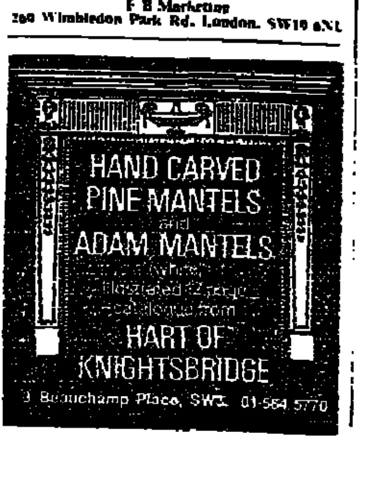

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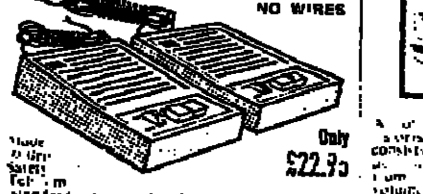

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They could not trust the King

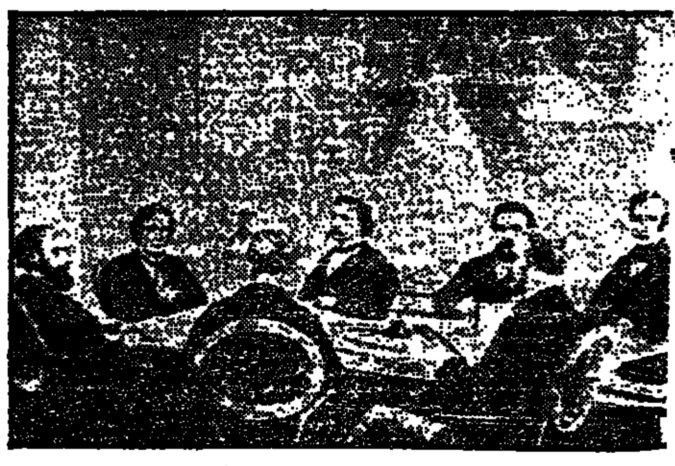
The case for impeachment, by Louis Heren

"Unfortunate man," exclaimed Thaddeus Stevens in the House on March 2, 1868, addressing his words to President Johnson, "thus surrounded, hampered, snared in the meshes of his own wickedness—unfortunate, unhappy man, behold your doom."

In the Rotunda of the Capitol spectators hold excited discussions during the impeachment trial of President Johnson.

The Ladies' Gallery of the Senate: wives of Congressmen and famous guests follow the happenings on the floor.

The House Committee managing the impeachment of the President enters the Senate to present the indictment.



Impeachment committee preparing the indictment. Left to ri Ward, Stevens, Wilson, Logan, Bontwell, Julian, Bingham.

Engravings published at the time of the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson in: Top, Harper's Weekly March 21, 1868. Above, left to right: Frank Leslie's Illustrated News April 4, 1868; Harper's Weekly April 18, 1868; Frank Lesl Illustrated News March 21, 1868; Harper's Weekly March 21, 1868.

The office of the President of the United States is very much a monarchy for all its democratic origins and restraints. Hence the respect, even reverence, for the office if not necessarily for the incumbent, and the initial reluctance of the American majority to contemplate the impeachment of President Nixon. For some impeachment is a kind of regicide.

The enormous power which has accrued to the office over the years is part of the explanation, but more is involved. Paradoxically the office is more kingly because it is elective. The President receives his mandate direct from the people. He is the embodiment of "We the People of the United States". Unlike Britons, Americans share the majesty of the office.

Elizabeth Drew put it another way in the *New Yorker*: "Societies need unifying symbosis, and the Presidency has been ours. We cling to the idea that the Presidency is worthy of our respect, because we want it to be.... Our wellbeing is involved with it. In Mr Nixon's frequent reminders that he is the President, he speaks to something in us."

It was not always so; certainly not in the long years of Congressional ascendancy, or at the beginning. Many delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 believed that "the executive magistracy was the natural enemy, the legislative assembly the natural friend of liberty". The belief sprang from their Anglo-American past. They had got rid of one king and did not want another, and they were afraid that a powerful President could become a monarch.

A majority of those who signed the Constitution were cultivated eighteenth-century English gentlemen. Six were born in Britain. They were well aware of the struggle of Parliament in the previous century to curb the powers of the king's ministers, a struggle which they had fought to the finish only a few years before.

They were no less aware that impeachment had been used to curb those powers since the fourteenth century. Some of the prerevolutionary colonial constitutions had provided for the impeachment of royal officials. It was inevitable that they should preserve this medieval instrument in what was to prove to be the first and greatest of modern written constitutions.

According to Raoul Berger*, the very terms of impeachment written into the Constitution were lifted bodily from English law. But they made some changes, the most vital being that they replaced an unimpeachable king with an impeachable President.

For all the importance they attached to impeachment, it has been used very sparingly. The House of Representatives has only impeached 12 officials, and the Senate has tried 11 and convicted four, all of them judges, between 1787 and 1936.

The first to be impeached was Senator William Blount of Tennessee in 1797 for conspiring to excite the Cree and Cherokee Indians against the King of Spain. The Senate dismissed the impeachment on the grounds that Blount was not a civil officer within the meaning of the Constitution, but expelled him from office.

Eight judges were impeached and tried on charges ranging from drunkenness to falsifying expense accounts and evading income tax. William Belknap, a Secretary of War, had already resigned when he was impeached and tried for accepting kickbacks. All of them could have been dealt with in another place.

Impeachment also generated political conflict, and partisanship was often blatant, especially in the proceedings against the only President to be impeached and tried. In 1868 the main charge against Andrew Johnson was violation of the Tenure of Office Act after he had suspended Edwin Stanton, the Secretary of War. The Act was of doubtful constitutionality, and was eventually declared null and void by the Supreme Court, but the essential purpose was political: how to deal with the defeated South after the Civil War and the control of the Republican party.

The House, voting along strict partisan lines, impeached him on February 24. The trial in the Senate began on March 30, and the first vote, on the eleventh article of impeachment, was taken on May 11. It failed by one vote, cast by a conservative Republican because Johnson's successor in office would have been a radical Republican. The Senate adjourned as a court of impeachment until May 26 when the second and third articles were put to the vote. Both failed by a single vote again, and the Senate abandoned the remaining articles.

One of the floor managers at the time said: "The world in after times will read the history of the administration of Andrew Johnson as an illustration of the depth to which political and official perfidy can descend." Certainly the radical Republicans, for all the assumed righteousness of their cause, committed a grave constitutional offence by trying to get rid of a President because they disagreed with his policies.

This was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution, although they had anticipated such misuse. Madison, writing in *The Federalist*, No 48, said: "They seem never to have recollected the danger from legislative usurpations." Legislative trials, which is what impeachment is, invite such usurpations of course, and for long after Congress was loath to consider presidential impeachment.

The entire process was also seen to be an anachronism. Critics pointed out that the last impeachment in Britain was in 1806. Amendments were proposed, but fortunately were rejected because the situation in Britain had become entirely different. Impeachment had not been dropped there because it was a blunt and cruel instrument—witness the impeachment and trial of Warren Hastings—but because ministers had become accountable to Parliament.

Impeachment had become an anachronism in Britain but not in the United States. The Constitution had reversed this historical process across the Atlantic. In separating powers and making the Presidency and Congress coequal, the framers had made possible the emergence of the modern King-President. The medieval instrument of impeachment has become a vital part of the system of checks and balances.

Anglo-American history has now turned full circle with Watergate, and one shudders to think what would have happened if impeachment had been repealed. Consider for a moment the calendar of crimes, committed, alleged or contemplated in connexion with the affair. It includes conspiracy, breaking and entering, bribery, perjury, lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, illegal wiretapping, suborning a witness, contempt of court, contempt of Congress, destruction of evidence, violations of campaign financing regulations, blackmail, falsifying government documents, income tax violations, defrauding the United States, embezzlement, extortion, slander, libel, malicious mischief, intercepting mail, flight to avoid prosecution and theft.

Most Americans could hardly credit this until the Ervin Committee was convened. Then the hearings established by television in every living room across the land that the courtiers of the modern King-President believed, as did the ministers of those early English kings, that they were not accountable. They were convinced that any act was excusable, even murder, if performed for the President and national security.

The courts are now dealing with them, but they only acted for the President. Apart from what may emerge from the investigation of the federal special prosecutor, he must be held responsible but under the American system he cannot be voted out of office. According to the Constitution he will remain in the White House until midday, January 20, 1977.

This could be an impossible situation if it was not for impeachment. The only alternative is resignation. A number of Americans, fearful of the consequences of impeachment, have urged him to resign. The most persuasive has been Senator Buckley, the Republican junior senator from New York.

"I don't think many of us have seriously considered what an impeachment trial would be like in the era of mass electronic communications. Public opinion would compel the proceedings to be televised. For three months or more the Senate chamber would be transformed into a stage set for the greatest melodrama ever conceived. History would come to a stop for the duration—in the country and throughout the world. The ruler of the mightiest nation on earth would be starred as the prisoner in the dock. The chamber would become a 20th-century Roman Colosseum as the performers are thrown to the electronic lions."

The President does not have to appear before Congress. He can be represented by lawyers, as was Andrew Johnson. Impeachment proceedings do not have to be televised. Indeed, television cameras are rarely allowed in Congress except for brief and formal occasions such as the State of the Union Message, but camera crews and commentators outside would certainly broadcast the participants' varying versions of the proceedings. They could be painful and divisive, but oddly enough President Nixon has presented the best argument against resignation.

Speaking in Chicago in March, he said: "If the President resigned when he was not guilty of charges then every President in the future could be forced out of office by simply levelling some charges and getting the media to carry them and getting a few Congressmen and Senators who were on the other side to exploit them.... It (would) forever change our form of government... and I will not be a party to the destruction of the Presidency."

The danger is real, as was proved by the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and there are further positive arguments against resignation. The manner of former Vice-President Agnew's going left a nasty taste although it ensured Presidential succession. Every man, including the President and Vice-President, should stand trial if charged and Burke provided the best argument for impeachment when opening the case against Warren Hastings.

"It is by this tribunal that statesmen who abuse their power are accused by statesmen, and tried by statesmen, not upon the niceties of a narrow jurisprudence, but upon the enlarged and solid principles of state morality. It is here that those who by abuse of power have violated the spirit of law can never hope for protection from any of its forms... it is here that those who have refused to conform themselves to its perfections can never hope to escape through any of its defects."

Burke would seem to be answerable, but the traum impeachment remains. vised coverage could only part of it. When Senator B ley called for President Ni resignation, he also said:

"Suppose the House articles of impeachment the Senate convicts. That would leave a sizeable, e tered minority convinced the media had hounded Ric Nixon out of office in ord upset the mandate of the vote and subvert what it lieves to be the foundatio the Republic.

"On the other hand, sup the House fails to impeac the Senate, judging a H voted impeachment, fail convict. With equal cert that would lead a major ment of the constit equally embittered and conciled, convinced that Congress had placed pol expediency above its duty. either outcome hold the test promise of domestic quility?"

It would not. While the W *ington Post* has well-earne Pulitzer prize for reporting Watergate burglary, and else, the fulminations of liberal ultras in the East, first condemned the Pres on the flimsiest evidence, tainly left an impression Mr Nixon was a victim of hatred. They did a diss not only to the Republic b those whose duty it has be investigate the charges.

Fortunately, the Americ stitutions and legal proc have survived the tests For all its Southern corr

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The case for impeachment

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the Ervin Committee provided the opportunity for the Watergate men to defend themselves with the assistance of counsel. The Grand Juries, another part of the Anglo-American past which has survived only in the United States, have worked diligently and soberly. Above all, Judge Sirica of the United States District Court of the District of Columbia has earned the admiration of his peers on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, which must prepare the case for impeachment, has acted with propriety and decorum. There has been no conflict between majority and minority counsel. In the preliminary proceedings, justice has been done and seen to be done.

The importance of this cannot be exaggerated given the respect of the American majority for the office of the Presidency and their reluctance to remove the incumbent. They must be shown, if the evidence demands it, that there is no alternative to impeachment proceedings. Finally the evidence must be conclusive if they are to agree, each in his own language and imagery, with Barbara Tuchman if the Presidency and indeed the Republic is to escape irreparable damage. In a foreword to a recent book† she wrote:

"What it comes down to is what Macaulay in his essay on Milton called 'the naked Constitutional question'. The question, he wrote, was this: 'Had Charles the First broken the fundamental laws of England? No person can answer in the negative, unless he refuses credit, not merely to all the accusations brought against Charles by his opponents, but to the narratives of the warmest Royalists and to the confessions of the King himself'. The other side asks, he continues, why could not the Parliament have adopted some measure milder than regicide?—the same question now being asked about impeachment. Macaulay's answer was: 'They could not trust the King'."

The constitutional references to impeachment are as follows:

Article I, Section 2. The House of Representatives . . . shall have the sole power of impeachment.

Article I, Section 3. The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice will preside: and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honour, trust or profit under the United States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to the law.

Article II, Section 2. The President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

Article II, Section 4. The President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours.

Article III, Section 2. The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury.

The Constitution leaves much unsaid, but the procedure is well established. The business of the House of Representatives is governed by *Hind's Precedents*, the third volume of which contains 727 pages on impeachment. The Senate is guided by "Senate Procedure. Precedents and Practices", and can also refer to the official verbatim report of the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson, which with commentaries runs to 1,640 pages.

The House acts as a grand jury. It debates the bill of particulars, the report of the evidence, and the impeachment resolution reported out by the Judiciary Committee, and then proceeds to draw up the articles of impeachment should the resolution be approved. As a Committee of the Whole, it then votes on each article and amendments. The final vote, which again is carried or defeated by a simple majority, is on the impeachment or indictment.

In the event of the impeachment of President Nixon, a committee of two would proceed to the Senate to address its President *pro tempore* thus: "Mr President, in obedience to the order of the House of Representatives, we appear before you and in the name of the House of Representatives and of all the people of the United States, we do impeach Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanours in office."

The Senate conducts the trial, with the Chief Justice of the United States as the presiding officer. He rules on all motions concerning procedure and evidence, but his rulings can be appealed and overruled by a simple majority. The Sergeant-at-Arms then proceeds to the White House and summons the President to appear, but he can choose to refuse and be represented by counsel.

The prosecution is led by a delegation of managers from the House, and opening statements are made by one of them and the chief defence counsel. Witnesses are then called and examined and cross-examined as in any trial. The jurors are the Senators, but they can put questions to the witnesses, in writing and through the managers. Two prosecution managers and two defence lawyers make the final arguments. Conviction requires the vote of two-thirds of those present.

The Senators are polled separately. Again, in the event of President Nixon being impeached, Chief Justice Berger is expected to use the form of words of his predecessor who presided over the Johnson trial. "Mr Senator, how say you? Is the respondent Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, guilty or not guilty of high crimes and misdemeanours as charged in these articles of impeachment?"

In the event of conviction, the Chief Justice would order the respondent "to be removed from office and forever disqualified from holding and enjoying any office of honour, trust or profit under the United States".

To that extent impeachment and trial would be guided and dignified by tradition and precedent but neither clearly defines high crimes and misdemeanours. One powerful argument likely to be used by the defence is that the respondent must be found guilty of a criminal offence, a breach of the common or statute law, which would be the subject of indictment.

There are counter arguments no less powerful in that they are believed to reflect the majority view of those who framed the Constitution. Benjamin Butler, one of the House managers in the Johnson impeachment, defined an impeachable offence as "One in its nature or consequence subversive of some fundamental or essential principle of government, or highly prejudicial to the public interest . . . a violation of the Constitution, of law, of an official oath or of duty. . . ."

Berger reports that the great preponderance of authority regards "high crimes and misdemeanours" as not confined to criminal conduct. He also quotes Blackstone's definition of "High misdemeanour" as mal-administration. The assumption among constitutional lawyers today is that in the event of President Nixon's impeachment the Ritter case will provide the most persuasive precedent.

Judge Halsted Ritter, who was impeached and tried in 1936, was acquitted of a criminal charge, evasion of income tax. He was then convicted under Article VII of his impeachment, which charged that the consequence of his conduct was "to bring his Court into scandal and disrepute, to the prejudice of said court and public confidence in the administration of justice".

The assumption may be well founded, but will not necessarily be accepted by defence counsel without a fight. Again, much will depend upon the evidence and the conduct of the impeachment. The latter could be all important, if only because of the definition of an impeachable offence given by Vice-President Gerald Ford, when as the House Minority Leader in 1970, he sought the impeachment of Justice William Douglas of the Supreme Court.

He defined it as "whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history; conviction results from whatever offences two-thirds of the other body considers to be sufficiently serious to require removal of the accused from office. . ."

This was a brutal misrepresentation. It was also an affront to the Constitution because the illimitable power he claimed for Congress was alien to the system designed to separate and limit power. Mr Ford's definition has been remembered, nevertheless, and has aroused latent fears that the impeachment and trial of a President would be a political trial in the worst sense of the term, that Congress would again be the kangaroo court it was in 1868. It was all the more potentially damaging because impeachment cannot be anything but political.

The 435 Members of the House of Representatives and the 100 Senators may all be good men and true. Certainly the vast majority have been careful not to express an opinion since the impeachment of President Nixon became a possibility. The Democratic majority must nevertheless see his impeachment somewhat differently than do the Republicans. They would not be human, or politicians, if they did not see some political advantage in the conviction of a Republican President.

In fact, the differences do not have to work against the President. The Democrats in the House can impeach him because only a simple majority is required, but in the Senate they do not have sufficient strength alone to ensure the two-thirds majority required for conviction. The President could not be removed from office if the Senate voted along strict party lines.

Whether or not this Congressional arithmetic is understood by the American majority remains to be seen, but after all the calculations are made and said the House of Representatives will soon have to decide to impeach or not to impeach. The consequences either way will be traumatic, but so far the American majority must know that their King-President is not the victim of regicidal forces. That knowledge will stand them in good stead when the final decision is made.

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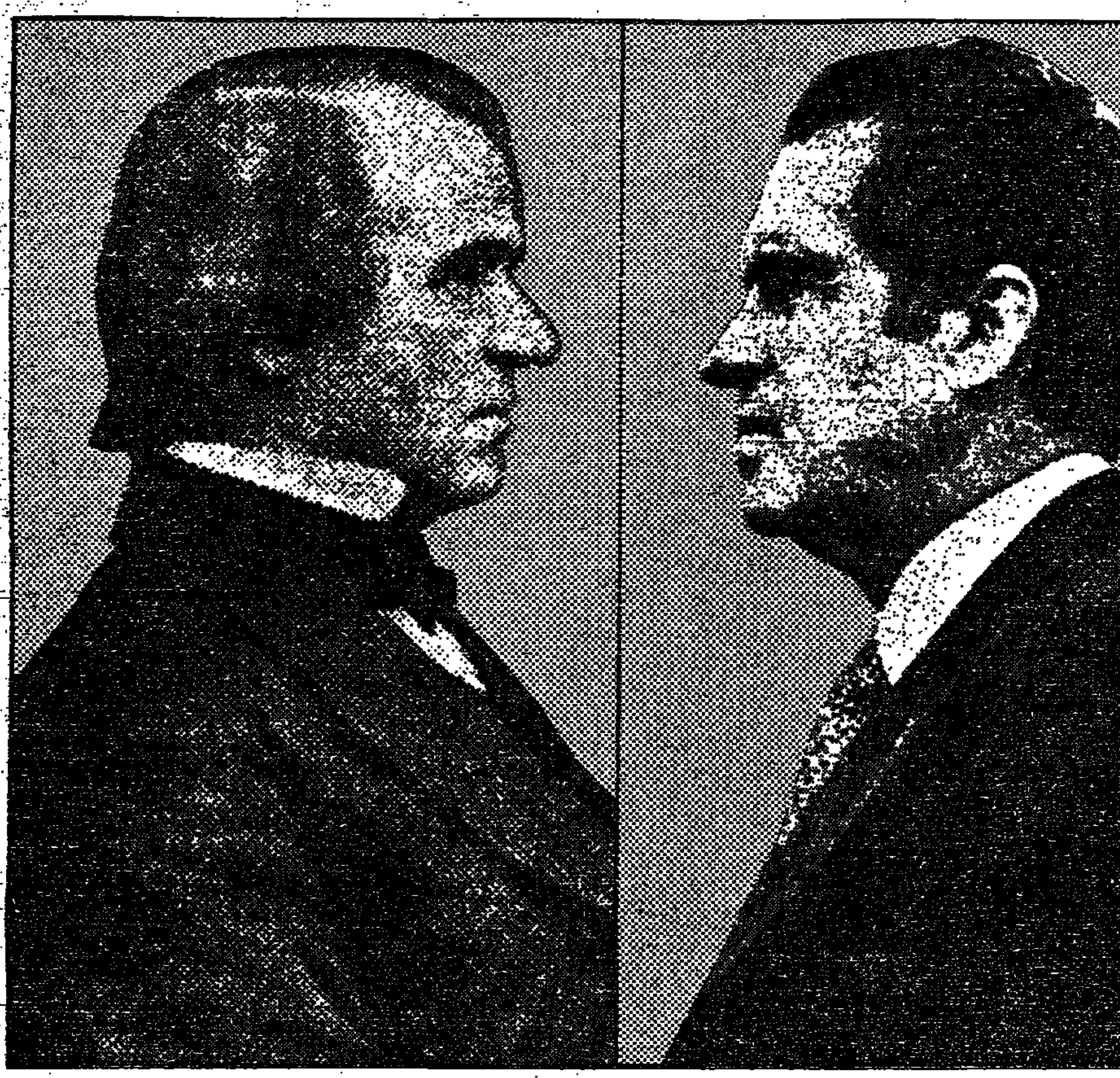

Two for whom impeachment is something more than a word: Andrew Johnson and Richard Nixon.

Clive Barnes

All the news

There has never been any doubt in my mind that one of the basic differences between life in New York and life in London is the quality of television. In New York there is infinitely more television—channel after channel after channel—but the quality is often deplorable — feeble game shows, sudsy soap operas, inconsequential talk shows. Public television, unsponsored and supported by grants, gifts and subscriptions from individual viewers, does a fairly good job. At present it has an interesting series of productions from the American theatre across the country, and it takes a great deal of its material from British television.

Where American television does have a distinct edge on British television is in its news presentations. The amount of information pumped out every week is formidable. All three major networks in New York have at least an hour-and-a-half of news at 6 pm, and another half-hour at 11. Now NBC has gone one better—or at least it is to be hoped that it will be one better. Recently it started running its news programme from 5 pm until 7.30—150 minutes of non-stop news, comment and features, broken only by the mercenary clink of the commercial messages.

To understand this it is necessary to understand the American love of news. American newspapers are, generally speaking, much larger than those in Europe. When the *New York Times* announces its intention to print "all the news that's fit to print", it means it. Major international speeches, statements and documents are printed in full. As soon as President Nixon released the transcripts of certain of the Watergate tapes, the *New York Times* promptly started to print them in their entirety. This interest in news is typical.

In this context then, the idea of a 2½-hour television news programme every night is not so outlandish. But how do you fill 2½ hours? We are now finding out.

The first two hours consists almost entirely of local news. There is also a lot of weather reporting (in detail such as only a meteorologist's mother could love), a lot of sports reports and talk, and the latest Dow Jones average being flashed up on the screen at the drop of a point.

This two-hour segment of local news is followed by the usual half-hour of NBC network news, with its current anchorman, John Chancellor. Like CBS news, with Walter Cronkite, this is a very fine news programme, with thoughtful comment and hard news from all over the world. Both stations offer television news at its best, with a terseness and immediacy that is most impressive, and none of the self-conscious jokiness and triviality that is the bane of newscasting on British television.

The new two-hour show is the direct result of failing audiences for NBC's seven o'clock news. NBC in its local news had fallen in New York to a poor third runner to first ABC (the originators of the so-called "happy news" where the anchormen and reporters stand around hurling prepared ad-libs at one another and laughing like crazy), and the more sober-sided CBS.

There is money and prestige in news. If people are turned to a specific newscast at seven o'clock there is a chance that they will remain with that channel all evening. But it seems that the real point to get people switching on and not switching over is with the local news before seven o'clock. Hence the grim battle of the newscasters.

This battle has not produced any better news coverage on the whole. Rather the reverse. It is noticeable in London that the *Daily Mirror* sells more copies than *The Times*. Equally in New York, the *Daily News* sells more copies than the *New York Times*. Without pressing the parallel too far, it might be suggested that quality does not necessarily go hand-in-hand with popularity. By the same token, a television network wishing to increase its proportion of viewers might not do so by improving the content of its programme—indeed, the reverse might be true.

With this in mind, the evident seriousness of the NBC project is particularly commendable. It does seem not to be playing down to its viewers, but the difficulty of the television news format still remains. Everything from an assassination to an ant-race is given virtually the same emphasis—an emphasis matched by the advertising spots.

There is never time to deal thoroughly with anything. Newspapers realize this. Indeed the *New York Times* has a cheeky advertisement it puts out on the 11 o'clock news of all three networks. It says "If there was anything that interested you on the news tonight, you can read about it tomorrow morning in the *New York Times*."

Yet undoubtedly more and more people are getting their major news reports from television, and both its responsibility and credibility become extremely important. At present the networks and smaller news services do a good job—but the temptation to do a worse job and acquire larger viewing figures must be difficult to resist.

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The convenience, exclusivity and additional information supplied should be costed by the purchaser as well as the actual price of the wine, for there are many vaunted "bargains" that can cost less from many good merchants. However, many people who do not live near a wine merchant, appreciate the advantage of not having to carry their wines home themselves. There are others who find it easier to order by post from a list than from somebody on the other side of a wine counter. The British still tend to be shy about the pronunciation of foreign words. A recent trend in the merchandising of wine is for the public to be contacted by letter which offers them advantages as regards price and quality if they buy "direct from the supplier"—in other words, from the source abroad that either makes the wine or markets it. A shipper in the United Kingdom cannot usually supply wine direct to the public, unless the firm concerned is associated with a retailer, holding a retail licence. The notion of direct sale from vineyard to customer purports to cut out the middle man—thereby passing on the price saving to the customer.

In theory, there is nothing wrong with this. But there may be several drawbacks. Why is the wine available and offered publicly for sale anyway? If it is really good, someone in the wine trade might have bought it for fine wine is in short supply. How does the customer make his choice? Some firms who offer wine in this way organize "tastings" for groups of customers which appear to be more in the nature of drinking parties, that, by the end of it all people are in a mood to sign cheques without having given the wines any kind of serious appraisal.

Does the wine supplied match up to the sample offered for tasting? According to many readers often it does not.

The source of supply is overseas and this makes claims for breakages difficult if not impossible; the United Kingdom representative may be difficult to contact once the sale is made. Two friends in the wine trade who have sampled ranges of wines offered in this way express doubt as to the quality and saving involved; one, indeed, was inclined to believe that, there was no difference between any of a "range" of wines tasted, in spite of the elaborate labels.

There are, however, a number of firms who may fairly be described as small-scale specialists. All of them sell only in case lots, though some will sell mixed dozens. Their lists are all worthy of study:

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Pamela Vandyke Price

Chess

Great spirits

In Hazlitt's delightful piece *Of Persons one would wish to have seen* Charles Lamb asks for Sir Thomas Browne and Fulke Greville. This is a strange choice since, while the shadowy figure of Fulke Greville does have the great advantage of having been a friend of Sir Philip Sidney's, he is otherwise of little interest and I should have thought we had ample opportunity of meeting Sir Thomas Browne in his writings.

If we extend the idea to chess, then clearly it is best first of all to define its aim. We do not necessarily want to see the great figures. It is a superfluous use of the imagination for example, to summon up that great founder of modern chess, Wilhelm Steinitz. We can see him thundering in print against Leopold Hoffer or Zukertort when in the full prime of his career. And it is all too easy to hear him, when nearing the end of that career, saying in broken tones at the Hastings 1895 Tournament: "They are all beating me now, even my pupils".

I must admit to a great curiosity about Zukertort. I would like to see him if only to inquire where exactly he obtained his medical degree and which was the battlefield and in which obscure war he fought with such self-confessed gallantry.

There does exist, above all, one extraordinary person whom I would have longed to have seen. This is the man, or woman, who invented the game of chess some 15 centuries ago. I think it was one man rather than a collection of individuals and, of course, there is also the chance that it was "that not impossible she" who opened this particular Pandora box.

After that I would perhaps give a preference to seeing Philidor. It would be instructive to learn if he really meant all that about pawns being the soul of chess or whether we had not tended to distort his ideas by giving them a modern twist.

Then there is Charousek. Did he really copy out that vast tome of Bilguers and if so was it any more use to him than the flood of modern chess literature on the openings to our present generation of masters? Or Harry Nelson Pillsbury. Was that surprise move he was supposed to have kept in reserve for Emanuel Lasker all those years really so prepared or did he merely produce it over the board? But most of all I would like to see Julius Breyer and ask him if he did say that "after 1.P-K4 White's game is in the last throes". If he did, then all I can say is that since then White has been an unconscionable time a-dying.

There is nothing decadent about P-K4 in the following vigorous game from the Las Palmas International Tournament.

White:—Olafsson Black:—Quinteros Sicilian Defence

1 P-K4	P-QB4		5 Kt-QB3	Q-B2
2 Kt-KB3	P-K3		6 B-K2	Kt-KB3
3 P-Q4	P×P		7 O-O	P-QKt4
4 Kt×P	P-QR3			

A premature advance that neglects the centre; correct was . . . Kt-B3.

8 [illegible] Kt-B4

No better is 8 . . . B-Kt2; 9 P-K5.

9 P-K5 P-Kt5

After 9 . . . Kt-KKt1 Olafsson intended playing 10. B-B4, B-Kt2; 11. Kt-B5, P×Kt; 12. P-K6 Q-B1; 13. P×BP ch, with, according to Olafsson, a winning attack.

[illegible]

Or 12 . . . Q-Kt2; 13 P×BP, followed by 14. R-Kt1.

[illegible]

Both 13 . . BP×P and 13 . . . KtP×P are met by 14. R-Q1.

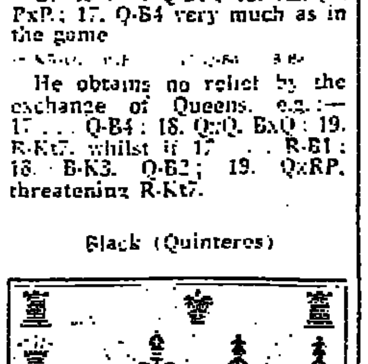
[illegible]

Or 15 . . . Q-B1; 16. KR-Q1, P×P; 17. Q-B4 very much as in the game

[illegible]

He obtains no relief by the exchange of Queens, e.g.:—17 . . . Q-B4; 18. Q×Q, B×Q; 19. R-Kt7, whilst if 17 . . . R-B1; 18. B-K3, Q-B2; 19. Q×RP, threatening R-Kt7.

Black (Quinteros)



White (Olafsson) to play

[illegible] Resigns

Because of 20 . . . K-Q4; 21. R-Q1 ch, B-Q5; 22. R×B ch, K-B4; 23. B-Q6 ch, K-Kt3; 24. R-Kt4 mate.

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MICHAEL DAVIS violin
JOHN McCABE piano
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Lyndon van der Pump baritone
John Barstow piano
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Sunday, May 19, at 3
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Bach: Concerto in Italian Style
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Broadcasting Saturday

Harvest moon? A programme examines the benefits man has reaped from the space race (BBC2 8.30). Then two American favourites land in unlikely places—Cannon at a ski resort (BBC1 9.0) and Bilko in the guard room (BBC1 11.30). In the afternoon Rugby League follows on at Wembley (BBC1 2.40).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Along the Trail. 9.15, The Brady Kids. 9.35, Chingachcook and the Lone Hunter. 10.00, Athlete: part 1, Sprints. 10.25, Developments in Social Work.* 10.50, Bugs Bunny. 10.55, Just for Fun: Mack Sennett comedy film.* 11.15, Film, Doublecross (1956), with Donald Houston, Fay Compton.* 12.25 pm, Weather. 12.30, Grandstand: 12.40, Football Preview; 1.05, Judo, highlights of European championship; 1.20, *1.50, 2.20, Racing from Ayr*; 2.40, Rugby League Cup Final, Featherstone Rovers v Warrington; 4.45, Final score). 5.15, Disney Cartoon.

5.25 News.
5.40 Dr Who. 6.05 Wonderful World of Disney.
6.50 Mike Yarwood.
7.30 Film, Battle Beneath the Earth (1967), with Kerwin Matthews, Viviane Ventura.
9.00 Cannon.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day: Wales v England, Northern Ireland v Scotland. 11.30, Sergeant Bilko.*
11.55 Weather.

* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES—5.40-6.05 pm, Gwerin '74. SCOTLAND.—Between 10.00-10.30 pm, Sportsreel 11.57, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.57 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

TYNE TEES
9.05 am, Talking Hands. 9.20, Master Chefs. 9.35, I Say. 10.00, Curly and Coconut. 10.15, Arthur of the Britons. 10.40, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.05, Film: The Hardman, with Guy Madison. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Hawaii Five-O. 7.45, London. 10.30, Film: Love with the Proper Stranger, with Steve McQueen, Natalie Wood. 12.20 am, Lectern.

SCOTTISH
9.45 am, You and Your Golf. 10.10, What Industry Did for the British. 10.35, Skippy. 11.00, Film: Buck Privates, with Abbott and Costello.* 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, The Sky's the Limit. 6.55, Film: Climb an Angry Mountain, with Fess Parker, Barry Nelson, Stella Stevens. 8.30, London. 10.30, Stanley Baxter Big Picture Show. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.20 am, Home International Championships: Wales v England, highlights

HTV
9.35 am, I Say. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Orbit. 11.30, Waterwise. 12.00, "45" 12.30 pm, London. 6.15, The Sky's the Limit. 6.45, Longstreet. 7.45, London. 10.30, The Odd Couple. 11.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 12-45 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 6.15-6.45 pm, Carreg Filltir.

WESTWARD
9.35 am, Snooker. 9.55, Children to Children. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.45, Film: Three Brave Men, with Ray Milland, Ernest Borgnine.* 12.10 pm, Gus Honeybun. 12.15, Politics and the West. 12.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.15, Politics and the West. 11.30, Mannix. 12.25 am, Faith For Life. 12.30, Weather.

ANGLIA
9.00 am, London. 9.55, Cartoons. 10.15, Film: Golden Girl, with Mitzi Gaynor, Dale Robertson. 12.05 pm, Woody Woodpecker. 12.30, London. 6.50, ATV. 7.45, London. 10.30, Film: The Third Secret, with Stephen Boyd, Jack Hawkins, Richard Attenborough. 12.20 am, At the End of the Day.

BORDER
11.05am, The Funky Phantom. 11.35, Deadly Silence, part 2. 12.30pm, Tarzan. 6.45, ATV. 7.45, London. 10.30, London. 12.10pm, Film, Strait Jacket, with Joan Crawford, Diane Baker, Leif Erickson.*

ULSTER
10.45 am, Children to Children. 11.15, Manfred. 11.50, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 7.40, Summer Results. 7.45, London. 10.30, Gordon Burns. 11.30-12.00, The Odd Couple.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University. Renaissance and Reformation. 8.05, Pure Mathematics. 8.30, Decision-making in British Education Systems. 8.55, Science. 9.20, Electromagnetics and Electronics. 9.45, Algorithmic Approach to Computing. 10.10, Social Sciences. 10.35, The Nineteenth-century Novel and its Legacy. 11.00, Historical Data and the Social Sciences. 11.25, Methods of Educational Inquiry. 11.50, Language and Learn*ing. 12.15 pm, Science. 12.40-1.05* pm, Geology. 2.15, Open University Congregation. 3.30-5.00, Film: Three Sailors and a Girl (1953), with Jane Powell, Gordon MacRae, Gene Nelson.

6.50 Westminster.
7.20 News.
7.30 Rugby: 1974 British Lions Tour of South Africa, preview.
8.00 What's My Line?
8.30 Thanks for the *Frying Pan*: The space race.
10.00 The Pallisers.
10.55 Bill Withers, in concert.
11.25 News.
11.30-1.45 am Film: Forever Amber (1947), with Linda Darnell, Cornel Wilde, Richard Greene, George Sanders.

GRANADA
9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, The Jackson Five. 10.30, Skippy. 10.35, Cartoon. 11.05, Tarzan.* 12.00, The Sky's the Limit. 12.30 pm, London. 6.15, Film: Agent for HARM, with Wendell Corey. 7.45, London. 10.30, Film: Term of Trial, with Laurence Olivier, Simone Signoret.* 12.50-1.45 am, The Saint.

YORKSHIRE
9.05am, London. 10.00, Sing to the Animals. 10.15, Arthur of the Britons. 10.40, Wait till your father gets Home. 11.05, Film, Michael Callan and Joan Evans in The Flying Fontaines. 12.30 pm, *London. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, New* Faces. 6.45, Hawaii Five-O. 7.45, London 10.30-12.15am, Film, Steve McQueen and Natalie Wood in Love with the Proper Stranger.*

LONDON WEEKEND

9.00 am, Angling. 9.30, I Say. 9.50, Saturday Scene. 9.55, Captain Scarlet. 10.20, The Forest Rangers. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Funky Phantom. 11.35, Tarzan: Algie B for Brave. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Mothers in Sport. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven (1.30, Lingfield. 1.45, Ripon. 2.00, Lingfield. 2.15, Ripon. 2.30, Lingfield. 2.45, Ripon. 3.00, Lingfield). 3.10, Professional Ice Hockey, Stanley Cup. 3.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.10 News.
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Sale of the Century.
6.50 Kung Fu.
7.45 Home International Championship: Wales v England.
8.30 New Scotland Yard.
9.30 Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club.
10.15 News.
10.30 Film. The Outsider, with Darren McGavin.
12.30 Beyond Hatred.

ATV
9.15 am, Angling. 9.45, I Say. 10.10, Captain Scarlet. 10.35, Joe 90. 11.00, Funky Phantom. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.35, Tarzan: Ultimate Duel. 12.30 pm, London. 5.50, New Faces. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.45, Tommy Cooper. 7.45, London. 10.30, Aquarius. 11.15-12.15 am, Riptide.

SOUTHERN
9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, The Craftsmen. 10.35, Primus. 11.05, Weather. 11.08, Film: Susannah of the Mounties, with Shirley Temple.* 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Kung Fu. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, ATV. 7.45, London. 10.30, Film: The Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando, Richard Boone. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.15, Weather. Guideline.

GRAMPIAN
10.50am, Ron and Friends. 11.35, Tarzan, The Day the Earth Trembled. 12.30pm, London. 6.20, Stanley Baxter Big Picture Show. 7.20, The Protectors. 7.45, London. 10.30,-12.15am, Film, Griff with Lorne Greene.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Bruce Wyndham.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Stuart Henry. 12.00, Rosko. 2.00 pm, The Beach Boys' Story.† 3.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Stuart Henry.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.32, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Alan Black.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride. 2.00, News.
† stereo.

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5.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Ivor.† 1.02, Betty Witherspoon. 1.30-5.55, Sport including: 3.00, Football: Wales v England; Cricket: Yorkshire v Indian Touring Team, Kent v Sussex, Warwickshire v Leicestershire, Lancashire v Nottinghamshire; *Racing at Lingfield*. 6.03, Band. 6.30, Star Sound. 7.02, Hello Cheeky. 7.32, Radio 1. 10.02, Things are Swinging.† 10.45, Night Ride. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Music from the Courts and Cities of Europe: London.† 9.00, News 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Copland, Vaughan Williams.† 11.15, The Young Idea: Shostakovich, Mussorgsky, Prokofiev.† 12.15 pm, Midday Concert: part 1, Hindemith, Stravinsky.† 1.00, News. 1.05, *The Positive World*. 1.20, Concert: part 2, Beethoven.† 2.05, Woman of Action: Claire Bloom.* 3.25, Matinée Musicale.† 4.25, Collectors' Corner: Fernando de Lucia. 5.10, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.55, Music Now. 6.40, Orchestral Concert: Bach, Walton, Mozart.† 7.50, The Positive World.

8.05, The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny, Opera by Kurt Weill, Act 1. 9.10, Personal View. 9.30, The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny, Acts 2 and 3. 11.05, Colin Tilney, Chaconnes and Passacaglias.† 11.55-12.00, News.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.30, Sportsdesk. 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, *Pick of the Week*. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1974. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend Woman's Hour. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, The Gilded Cage. 4.00, 4th Dimension. 5.00, News. 5.02, Kaleidoscope. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Letter from America. 6.30, Sports Session. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker, records. 8.30, Play, Don't Dilly Dally. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.30, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.

BBC Radio London. 94.9 VHF. 206 M.

London Broadcasting Company, 24-hour news and information station. 97.3 VHF, 417 M.

Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station, 95.8 VHF, 539 M.

Radio

Can't be serious . . .

It was a slightly bizarre experience listening to Kenneth Williams' 45-minute solo, *The Crystal Spirit*—here was the voice which, try as it may, cannot entirely shake off the all too familiar mannerisms, those inflections which in other circumstances breathe innuendo, the *distorted vowels* and the *nasal* twang which calls to mind at once the characterful Williams nose: here it was for all that time speaking a mixture of verse, personal comment and reflection to an invited audience which must have laughed all of two and a half times. This added to the listener's sense of disorientation: surely nothing that voice says can possibly be *serious*? Surely if no one is laughing at it, something has gone badly wrong? One might imagine an equally disconcerting experience in reverse if the Reverend Ian Paisley were suddenly seconded to the cast of *Hallo Cheeky* and at everything he said people burst themselves laughing.

There are all sorts of sayings about attending to the content, not the container, the dweller not the dwelling and so forth. In this case it was a matter of attending to the words, not the speaker, for if you were to take the programme in, that was what you had to do: set aside the filters of expectation built up by years of exposure to *Round the Horne*, et seq, grasp that if you found yourself unable quite to credit K. Williams in philosophical vein, then perhaps you were in need of registering his remarks on the departmentalization of thought—with which incidentally he had already anticipated you. To these he added others just as cogent: on how we blame material things for faults which lie elsewhere—in, for example, our sense of fragmentation; how we attempt to cover that over with activity, by travelling, let's say, but more for something to do than for any other reason; we examine our own particular wood so minutely in order to discover what is wrong that we end up obsessed not just with trees but with twigs and are then inclined to assert that no wood exists.

I do not want to exaggerate Mr Williams' role as commentator on our lives and times, for in a comparative desert a cup of water can get to look like a lake and certainly what he had to say was generally within that parched area of broadcast (or not broadcast) discussion to which I referred last week. At the same time I cannot help calling to mind how often in stories and plays it is the Fool, the professional clown, who suddenly says to us "Look . . !" and we do because we thought we were in for another easy laugh; but the expectation of laughter is not fulfilled and perhaps because of that we hear and remember what it was that took its place.

The Crystal Spirit ended with a long excerpt from *Intimations of Immortality* which came as an interesting counter-balance to the week's major preoccupation. This has been National Byron Week on Radio 3 and, along with Southey, Wordsworth was one of his contemporaries whom Byron could not abide. Programmes of various kinds have all combined to give a flavour of the man and certainly they underline profound temperamental differences from Wordsworth, although at this distance in time the essential matter of verse, journals and letters does not seem to clash as abominably as one might imagine. Both poets demand attention—Byron by displaying something of the Fool's quality—shifting, opalescent and, as the assessment by Christopher Ricks and Hallam Tennyson made plain, very hard to categorize.

Was Byron a "great poet"? Possibly not. . . . Was he a minor one? No, no. . . . In some sort of middle then? That's the last thing you could say. . . . Was he an aristocrat? Well, yes and no. . . . Was he a male chauvinist? Uncertain . . . although at this point I began to wonder how far you can sensibly ask questions such as this, questions which if they have a meaning, have only recently acquired it and may as soon lose it again. Questions, moreover, referring to people and periods which would quite simply have been unable to recognize the concepts on which we base them. I have the same doubt when I hear talk of, for instance, the victimization of the people, or the workers, throughout recorded history. Can one talk of "workers" in medieval times? (Can one talk of "workers" without thinking of ants?) These and other such portmanteau words which we use to give coherence to past and present by packing them both into the same conceptual trunk, fill me with suspicion. One has the impression that by such usage events are being categorized in a way of which the main purpose is to reassure the user that he has *understood something.*

Such reservations apart, however, I have enjoyed my Byron week so far: the light and shade of the Ricks/Tennyson offering; the expert, impudent colloquiality of the poems; the "Hebrew Melodies" history, written, narrated and most attractively sung by Carole Rosen: *Alas! The Love of Women,* Douglas Cleverdon's account of one exceedingly active year, 1813, to which all the principal women of Byron's life seem to have contributed. Of one, the pious Lady Frances Webster, he remarked that she was "measured for a new Bible once a quarter". Another radio commemoration has been the first four-minute mile, marked mainly in a *Start the Week* which assembled Bannister, Chataway, Brasher and others to recall the event and comment on the treatment life had handed them since. On the same day, Monday, *Woman's Hour* went to Switzerland and talked about the style of life for women there. Both these were well done with that typical BBC mixture of easy competence, informality and interest which from time to time one must remember not to take for granted.

David Wade

Sunday

New midday reporting starts with the Americans still in Vietnam (ITV 12.0). Wild life down under (BBC1 4.15) is capped by human life under down under (BBC2 7.25). H. E. Bates supplies the Childhood drama (ITV 10.15), Jelly Roll Morton (ITV 5.20), that Maharishi (BBC1 6.15) and Rossini (BBC2 9.0) punctuate the day.—L.B.

BBC 1
9.00-9.30 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.00-10.25, On Union Business (new series). 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.35, Do-It-Yourself Film Animation Show. 12.00, Ireland: Ulster will fight. 12.25 pm, Gymnast. 12.50, Farming. 1.15, Made in Britain. 1.30, Parents and Children. 1.55, News Headlines. 2.00, Chigley. 2.15, Film: Bird of Paradise (1951), with Louis Jourdan, Jeff Chandler, Debra Paget. 3.50, Ask Aspel. 4.15, Wild Australia. 4.45, Alias Smith and Jones. 5.35, Thursday's Child.

6.05 News.
6.15 See You Sunday.
6.45 Sir: Letters to the papers.
6.50 Songs of Praise from St Mary's Church, Luton.
7.25 The Man Who was Hunting Himself, thriller by N. J. Crisp, with Donald Burton, Carol Austin, David Savile, Garfield Morgan: Episode 1.
8.15 Film: Indiscreet (1958), with Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman.
9.50 News.
10.00 A Fortune in Pictures: National Gallery, London.
10.50 The Editors.
11.30 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES—2.15-3.00 pm, Wonderful World of Disney. 3.00-3.55, Rugby: Welsh National Seven-a-Side Tournament, highlights. 4.45-5.10, Television Top of the Form. 5.10-5.35, Dr Who. 6.50-7.25, Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. SCOTLAND.—6.15-6.50 pm, Assembly Opinions. 6.50-7.25, Church Hymnary. 11.32, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.32 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

GRANADA
9.30 am, Waterwise. 10.00, London. 11.00, The Big Valley. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Dr Simon Locke. 1.00, Snooker. 1.30, On the Spot. 2.00, Primus. 2.15, Film: A Pair of Briefs, with Michael Craig, Mary Peach.* 4.05, London. 7.55, Film: Spellbound, with Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck.* 10.00, London. 11.15, George. 11.55-12.30 am, Time to Remember.

HTV
10.00 am, London. 11.00, Farming. 11.30, Angling. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, The Osmonds. 1.00, Play with a Purpose. 1.25, Play the Game. 1.55, London. 2.40, University Challenge. 3.05, Riptide. 4.05, London. 7.55, *Film*, Peter Sellers, Margaret Leighton, Dany Robin and John Fraser in Waltz of the Toreadors.* 10.00, London. 11.15, George. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES—As HTV except: 6.15-6.40 pm, Let's Celebrate. 6.40-7.00, Llusern.

WESTWARD
9.30 am, Survival. 10.00, London. 11.00, Sesame Street. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Whicker within a Woman's World. 1.00, I Say. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 1.55, London. 2.35, Film, Nine Hours to Rama, with Horst Buchholz, Jose Ferrer. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film, David and Bathsheba, with Gregory Peck, Susan Heywood. 10.00, London. 11.15, George. 12.00, Faith for Life. 12.05 am, Weather.

ANGLIA
9.05 am, Yoga for Health. 9.30, Snooker. 10.00, London. 11.00, UFO. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Skippy. 1.00, Cartoons. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.05, Show-Jumping Highlights from Windsor Horse Show. 2.50, Theatre of Stars. 3.50, Cartoons. 4.05, London. 7.55, Film, What a Way to Go, with Shirley Maclaine, Paul Newman, Dick Van Dyke. 10.00, London. 11.15, George. 12.00, The Bible for Today.

GRAMPIAN
11.00 am, ATV. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, The Rovers. 1.00, Farming. 1.30, UFO. 2.25, Film: Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion. 4.05, London. 7.55, Film: Waltz of the Toreadors, with Peter Sellers, Margaret Leighton. 10.00, London. 11.15-11.47, A Kind of Living

SCOTTISH
10.10 am, Farming. 10.35, Snooker. 11.00, Waterwise. 11.35, Women Only. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Animate Objects. 1.00, Anyone for Tennis. 1.15, Funky Phantom. 1.35, Film Betrayed, with Clark Gable, Lana Turner, Victor Mature. 3.35, Boy Dominic. 4.05, London. 4.50, Children's Cavalcade. 5.20, London. 6.15, First Principles. 7.00, London. 7.55, Film, The League of Gentlemen, with Jack Hawkins, Nigel Patrick, Richard Attenborough, Roger Livesey.* 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-11.50, A Touch of Jazz.

BBC 2
7.40 am, Open University*: Urban Development. 8.05, Science and Belief. 8.30, Computing and Computers. 8.55, Technology. 9.20, Structure, Bonding and the Periodic Law. 9.45, Physiology of Cells and Organisms. 10.10, Linear Mathematics. 10.35, Microeconomics. 11.00, Solids, Liquids and Gases. 11.25, Comparative Government and Politics. 11.50, Mathematics. 12.15 pm, Mechanics and Applied Calculus, 12.40-1.5, Arts. 1.20, Westminster. 1.50, Cricket: John Player League, Kent v Leicestershire.

6.45 News Review.
7.25 The World About Us: White Man in a Hole with Rena Briand—the world's richest opal field.
8.15 Big Bands from the Dorchester: Woody Herman and his Orchestra.
9.00 Rossini's Miniature Mass.
10.00 The Carnforth Practice.
10.50 News.
10.55-11.20, M*A*S*H.

* Black and white.

SOUTHERN
10.00 am, London. 11.00, Weather. 11.03, Farm Progress. 11.30, The Best of Day by Day. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 1.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 1.55, London. 2.40, Film: The Law Versus Billy the Kid, with Scott Brady, Betta St John. 4.00, Southern News. 4.05, London, 7.55, Film: David and Bathsheba, with Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward. 10.00, London. 11.15, New Faces. 12.15 am, Weather. Guideline.

YORKSHIRE
9.05 am, Waterwise. 9.30, Snooker. 10.00, London. 11.05, The Saint.* 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Whicker. 1.00, Farming. 1.30, Calendar Sunday. 2.05, Show Jumping. 2.50, Cartoon. 3.00, Film: Shadow of Fear, with Paul Maxwell, Clare Owen.* 4.05, London. 7.55, Film: Return to Peyton Place, with Jeff Chandler, Carol Lynley, Eleanor Parker, Mary Astor. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Russell Harty Plus.

ULSTER
10.30 am, Play with a Purpose. 11.00, Waterwise. 11.30, Snooker. 12.00, London. 12.30 pm, Artists at Work. 1.00, Arthur of the Britons. 1.30, Merrie Melodies. 1.55, London. 2.40, Film, The Hills Run Red, with Thomas Hunter, Henry Silva, Dan Duryea, Nicoletta Machiavelli. 4.05, London. 7.55, Sports Results. 7.57, Film, Hot Millions, with Peter Ustinov, Maggie Smith, Karl Malden. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.00, George.

LONDON WEEKEND
9.35 am, Cover to Cover. 10. Why Worship? from the Chu of the Ascension, Blackhea London. 11.00, Snooker. 11. Catweazle. 12.00, Pilger: V nam: Still America's War. 12 pm, The Jackson Five. 1.00, Th derbirds. 1.55, Sportswor Windsor Horse Show, Ameri Synchronized Swimming Ch pionship, National Hurling Lea Final. 2.40, Film. The Mouse t Roared (1958), with Peter Sell David Kossoff, Jean Seberg. 4. Junior Showtime. 4.50, Boy Do nic. 5.20, Aquarius: Eight J Rolls.

6.05 News.
6.15 Answer Back.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 Doctor at Sea.
7.55 Film. Cosa Nostra—Arch-Enemy of the (1967), with Walter Pi eon, Efrem Zimbalist, Jr
9.45 Mr Magoo.
10.00 News.
10.15 Play. Childhood: A Gr Day for Bonzo.
11.15 Speak for Yourself.
12.15 Beyond Hatred.

ATV
10.00 am, London. 11.00, Water 11.25, Snooker. 12.00, London. 12.30 The Amazing Chan. 1.00, UFO. Sunday Sports. 2.45, Film: Under Flags, with Van Heflin, Charles La ton.* 4.50, Junior Showtime. 5.35, Dominic. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Deep Six, with Alan Ladd, Wi Bendix. 10.00, London. 11.15-1 George. Weather.

TYNE TEES
9.05 am, Yoga for Health. 9.30, Sno 10.00, London. 11.05, The Addams Fa 11.30, Angling. 12.00, London. 12.30 The Lorax. 1.00, Farming. 1.30, Ne View. 2.00, Where the Jobs Are. Windsor Horse Show, highlights. Film. Nine Men.* 4.05, London. Film. Return to Peyton Place, with Chandler. 10.00, London. 11.15, Batt the Bulge. 12.15 am, Lectern.

BORDER
9.35 am, Snooker. 10.00, London. Waterwise. 11.30, Angling. 12.00, Lo 12.30 pm, Survival. 1.00, Border Di 1.05, Wait Till Your Father Gets H 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Film: Ten Gent from West Point, with George Mo mery, Maureen O'Hara, John S Laird Cregar.* 3.50, Cartoon. London. 7.55, Film: Deadfall, Michael Caine, Nanette Newman. London. 11.15-12.00, George.

Radio

1
6.55 am, The First Day of the Week. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon.† 8.03, With Heart and Voice. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Lee Travis. 5.00, Graham Nash's Top 12. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Sunday Sport with Ed Stewart. 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Halfhour.† 9.00, Your 100 Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sounds of Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Sam Costa.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Hello Cheeky. 2.30, Ella. 3.30, Dance Band Days. 4.0, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Betty Witherspoon. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Brass and Strings (1500m only). 11.02, Night Ride. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Brahms and Bach.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Beethoven, Francaix, Warlock, Mozart, Hindemith. 11.00, Music Weekly.† 11.45, Karl Bohm Conducts Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra Part 1.† 12.15pm, Words David Wan. 12.20, Concert, Part 2.* 1.05, Let the Peoples Sing.† 1.35, Haydn Quartets.† 2.35, Agnese di Hohenstaufen: Opera by Gasparo Spontini, Act 1.† 3.35, The Real Agnese, talk. 3.50, Agnese: Acts 2 and 3.† 5.20, Talking about Music.† 5.50, The Chandos Anthems: Part I Handel and Corelli.† 6.30, A Sharp Look at the Foundations: talk. 6.50, Concert, Part 2 Bach.†

7.30, Play, Mourning Becomes Electr Eugene O'Neill, with Sarah Badel, B Jefford, Nigel Stock, John Turner. Marinker: The Homecoming.† 8.55, 9.00, The Hunted.† 10.15, Music The Haunted.† 11.30, News. 11.35 am, Sounds Interesting.†

4
7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.20, Su 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, We 9.00, News. 9.05, Sunday Papers. 10.30, Open University (VHF). 9.15, from America. 9.30, The Archers. Holy Eucharist from St Mary's. Church, Monmouth. 11.10, Appeal. Housing Association. 11.15, Motoring the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass 12.15, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, The World This Weekend. Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Heathcliff, from Wuthering Heights 2 (2.30-4.00, Study On 4, VHF). 4.00 Go-Between. 4.30, The Living World. News. 5.02, In Touch. 5.15, Down Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, If You Think Y Got Problems. 7.00, News. 7.02, Britain Quiz. 7.30, For All Seasons. Bantock, Weber, Dvorak. 9.00, 9.05, Quo Vadis? 9.58, Weather. News. 10.15, The Countryside in 11.00, Epilogue. 11.15-11.36, News. 11.48, Inshore Waters Forecast.

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Wed. 15 May 8 p.m.	ZAGREB PHILHARMONIC Mladen Basic Valter Despalj Norman McCann Ltd.	Papandopulo .. Hommage à Bach Elgar .... Cello Concerto in E minor Bruckner .... Symphony No. 4 in E flat (Romantic) Please note change of soloist and programme £2.20, £1.65, £1.35, £1.10, 85p, 55p
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Fri. 17 May 8 p.m.	LONDON JUNIOR AND SENIOR ORCHESTRAS Terence Lovett Andre Navarra Ernest Read Music Association	Handel arr. Elgar ...... Overture in D minor Delius ...... In a Summer Garden Elgar .... Cello Concerto in E minor Holst .... The Planets Farringtons School Choir £1.35, £1.10, 85p, 60p
Sun. 19 May 3.15 p.m.	KENT COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA Bela de Csillery Helen Crayford Lorna Fulford Kent County Council	Mendelssohn .. Overture, Ruy Blas Holst .... Egdon Heath Shostakovich .. Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings, Op. 35 Dvorák ...... Symphony No. 9 in E minor (From the New World) £1.40, £1.10, 90p, 70p, 55p
Sun. 19 May 7.30 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY Erich Leinsdorf André Watts London Symphony Orchestra Ltd.	Mozart .... Symphony No. 28 in C Brahms .... Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat Stravinsky .... The Firebird Suite £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.30
Mon. 20 May 7.30 p.m.	INSURANCE ORCHESTRA Maurice Miles Colin Horsley Insurance Orchestral Society	Weber .... Overture, Der Freischütz Barber .... Adagio for strings Mozart .... Piano Concerto in C minor, K.491 Brahms .... Symphony No. 1 in C minor £1.00, 80p, 50p, 40p
Tue. 21 May 8 p.m.	NEW PHILHARMONIA Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos Maurice Hasson New Philharmonia Orchestra Ltd.	Arriaga ...... Overture, The Happy Slaves Paganini ...... Violin Concerto No. 1 Berlioz .... Symphonie Fantastique £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.30, £1.00
Wed. 22 May 8 p.m.	BACH CHOIR THAMES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA David Willcocks Ibbs & Tillett	Mozart .... Mass in C minor, K.427 Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, K.339 Heather Harper Sally le Sage Fiona Kimm John Elwes Antony Ransome £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.15, 75p, 50p
Thu. 23 May 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY André Previn Stephen Bishop In aid of the Central British Fund	Brahms ...... Academic Festival Overture Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor Beethoven .... Symphony No. 5 in C minor Please note change of soloist £5.00, £3.00
Fri. 24 May 8 p.m.	PIANO RECITAL WILHELM KEMPFF (Please note change of artist) Ibbs & Tillett	Beethoven Sonatas including E flat, Op. 31 No. 3; C sharp minor Op. 27 No. 2 (Moonlight); E, Op. 14 No. 1. Rudolf Serkin who was originally advertised to give this recital is unable to do so because of indisposition. £2.00, £1.60, £1.10, 85p, 55p

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Sunday 12 May 3 p.m.	GARRICK OHLSSON Piano Recital Beethoven Rondo in G, Op. 51 No. 2 Brahms Sonata No. 3 in F minor, Op 5 Chopin Twenty-four Preludes, Op. 28. [illegible], 75p, 45p Ibbs & Tillett
Sunday 12 May 7.15 p.m.	LUCIA POPP (soprano) GEORG FISCHER (piano) A programme of songs and lieder by Caldara, Caccini, Scarlatti, Schubert, Smetana (Songs of Eventide), R Strauss, Wolf. £1.50, £1.10, 85p, 50p Lies Askonas
Monday 13 May 7.45 p.m.	PROGRAMME FOR SIX with Tony Oxley, Howard Riley, Paul Rutherford, Barry Guy, Alan Davie, Dave Holdsworth. Works by Rands, Berio, Davis/Oxley, Guy/Oxley and Tony Oxley including new work for trumpet, trombone, percussion, 2 pianos & bass £1.10, 90p, 75p, 60p P.L.G.
Tuesday 14 May 7.45 p.m.	WILLIAM BENNETT (flute), GEORGE MALCOLM (harpsichord) Bach Sonatas for flute and harpsichord: No. 1 in B minor; No. 2 in E flat; No. 3 in A; No. 4 in C; No. 5 in E minor; No. 6 in E £1.20, £1.00, 80p, 50p John Wright Concert Management
Wednesday 15 May 7.45 p.m.	NEW LONDON ENSEMBLE, SALTARELLO CHOIR, RICHARD BRADSHAW (cond.), Elizabeth Tippett, Oriel Sutherland, Philip Langridge, Ian Caddy. Mozart Wind Serenade, K.388; Concert Aria, K.431 Wagner Siegfried Idyll Haydn Nelson Mass. £1.45, £1.20, £1.00, 90p, 50p. New London Ensemble
Thursday 16 May 7.45 p.m.	GEORGE MALCOLM Harpsichord Recital Couperin Dix-Huitième Ordre. Rameau Pièces de Clavecin; Scarlatti Six Sonatas. (Please note change of artist) £1.30, £1.10, 90p, 70p, 50p. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Friday 17 May 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA MARTINDALE SIDWELL (cond), Allan Schiller, Barbara Hill. Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 6; Harpsichord Concerto in A Franck Symphonic Variations Elgar Serenade for Strings Beethoven Symphony No. 1. £1.65, £1.40, £1.10 (only). London Bach Orchestra Ltd.
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John Dexter plays Pygmalion plain

Next Thursday *Pygmalion* plain returns to the West End after a long absence; no lyrics, no music, just Shaw. Diana Rigg and Alec McCowen head the cast, with John Dexter directing; that is the kind of combination more likely to be encountered in the Waterloo Road than in St Martin's Lane. Dexter agrees that he first thought of *Pygmalion* for the National.

"The idea of reviving it came to me a little over two years ago and it seemed a natural for the repertory. But for a number of reasons it could not be fitted, so here we are in the West End instead. One of the attractions of the play to me is that I have never seen it done properly, although goodness knows I've watched it often enough and have acted in it three times myself in repertory. Quite a lot of people have made quite a lot of money out of doing it wrongly, but I've never seen it fairly treated.

"It's a dry play, not a soft one. The theme, which was powerful enough just before the First World War, the time when *Pygmalion* was written, is the creation of a woman of independence: Liza learns to fend for herself. At the same time Shaw is saying just how unacceptable it is for a woman to go on being someone else's doormat.

"All too often that is lost from view. To bring it back into focus I have gone back to one of Shaw's original endings. The source is a proof copy of *Pygmalion*, annotated by him, in the archives at Ayot St Lawrence, which is simply headed 'By a Fellow of the Royal Society'. Here after Higgins's closing shopping list speech, where he orders a ham and a Stilton cheese, a pair of reindeer gloves and a tie to match his new suit, Liza replies 'Buy them yourself'. It is a final and conclusive statement; it is Nora slamming the door at the end of *A Doll's House*. Of course we don't know what Shaw really wanted, any more than we know precisely what pressures Tree and Mrs Pat applied to make *Pygmalion* look as though it ended in a marriage. After all, the play is described as a Romance in Five Acts.

"But I am trying to lay a few ghosts and ignore a few traditions: Doolittle must be taken seriously, for instance, not just as a figure of fun because he happens to be a dustman. And I want to show that *Pygmalion* is a much wirier, tougher play than most people think it to be. Earlier on I've replaced a line where Liza says to Higgins: 'If I can't have kindness, I'll have independence'. That's the key."

As usual John Dexter has gathered around him a nucleus of people with whom he regularly works. Diana Rigg and Alec McCowen were in his *Misanthrope*, that glittering and elegant updating of Molière at the National, and McCowen went on with him to *Equus*, the best-directed play of last year.

"I've always inclined to choose the known rather than the unknown where possible. Why? Well, it saves so much time doesn't it? You do not have to spend hours and days sizing up one another's strengths and weaknesses. It's not policy, it's need. Probably too it all goes back to the influence of the Royal Court and George Devine; we always operated there as a team."

Despite Dexter's close ties with certain writers—Arnold Wesker and Peter Shaffer head the list—as well as a number of actors, surprisingly he has never had a company of his own. That will change, however, when he takes up his new appointment in New York as Director of Productions at the Met.

"Why has it never happened here at home? The answer to that is simple: 'Nobody asked me, sir, he said.' The company situation at the Met is one of the many aspects of the job that appeals. Every opera house should be run by a triumvirate: a musical director, a theatre director and a general manager or Intendant. James Levine, who has taken over the musical side after Kubelik's resignation, and I will be spending a great deal of next season just sitting in the theatre, listening and observing. Then we'll be in a position to tell Schuyler Chapin precisely what we think we can achieve over the next few years. But it does mean that I'll have to give up my Associate Directorship of the National Theatre, although I'll still be producing *Phèdre* with Diana Rigg.

"As a matter of policy I am not taking over any of next season's new productions at the Met. The only opera on which I'll be working is *Forza*, which we'll revive with Jimmy conducting, in a much fuller version than has been heard at the Met for some time. I'll also be doing a new production of the same opera for Rolf Liebermann in Paris."

Probably Liebermann more than anyone else has turned John Dexter's eyes in the direction of the opera house. "My first venture, *Benvenuto Cellini* at Covent Garden, was not altogether successful. There were some good things in it, with Gedda's performance at the top of the list. But in retrospect I came to it green: I was naive about rehearsal schedules and misjudged just what could be done in the time we had. When it was all over I decided to be very careful before stepping into that strip of water again.

"Liebermann eventually persuaded me back to do *I vespri siciliani* for Hamburg. I planned it with Josef Svoboda as a Greek tragedy; I wanted a chain of violence through which the characters are destroyed one by one. It turned out to be a success."

Vespri, which presents as many problems to the producer as any other Verdi opera in the repertory, has emerged as a Dexter talisman. When Rolf Liebermann moved from Hamburg to Paris he immediately signed up the Dexter-Svoboda duo for *Vespri*; it opened last month. And it was during rehearsals for yet another *Vespri* at the Met earlier in the year that Dexter was offered the job of Director of Productions there.

Opera brings out his taste for the spectacular, for challenges, which was first seen in *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* and came on display again at the Coliseum in *The Devils*, a brilliant production of a mediocre work. The Met still has the resources to call on the world's top singers, but all too often it has been content to display them in indifferent frames. The chances are that John Dexter will change that situation and that he will be treading the byways as well as the highways of nineteenth-century opera.

John Higgins

Table Manners
Greenwich

The Churchill Play
Nottingham

Charles Lewsen

Table Manners is the first of Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy in which the events of a country weekend are seen from three vantage points: the dining room, the sitting room, and the garden.

In the dining room, we saw the arrival of Sarah to take over the running of the house and her bedridden mother from Annie, who planned a weekend away from it all in East Grinstead. However, when Sarah discovered that Annie intended going with her brother-in-law Norman, she put her foot down, and spent most of the next two hours trying to pair Annie off with nice diffident Tom.

The weekend ended with Sarah thinking that Norman was going to have an affair with her, Annie thinking that he was going to resume relations with her—and the audience suspecting that, although he told every woman he wanted to make her happy, he was going to satisfy neither.

It was written with the resource we expect from Mr Ayckbourn, and the direction of Eric Thompson expressed the emotional undercurrents through a wealth of apparent trivia.

In his use of obsession, Ayckbourn is like Feydeau: the characters' most earnest obsessions generate our loudest laughter. But as in Mr Ayckbourn's other plays, they also generate sadness in the audience.

Each of the three couples is unsatisfactorily matched, and no one's situation is improved by the end of the weekend: unless your regard the harbouring of illusion concerning oneself and whomever one desires or thinks one desires, as satisfactory. His plays are, technically, light comedies; but, however delightfully, they convey despair, although Mr Ayckbourn's acerbic view of the characters never quite permits us to be moved by them as individuals.

It is acted with especial wit by Penelope Keith, who endows Sarah with a wealth of self regarding ticks. Tom Courtenay alternates between rolling sheep's eyes at the ladies and handing out cheerful badinage to the men; "was that joke above you"? he asks Michael Gambon's dejected Tom perched on a dwarf chair.

In the next plays I look forward to seeing Penelope Wilton extract further sour fun from Ruth's short-sightedness, and to seeing Mark Kingston's cheerful Reg battling with the broken down car which we only heard described. And I shall not cease, despite reason, to hope that Felicity Kendal's delectable Annie gets her man.

Alan Pickford's living room and garden will no doubt look well and, more important, put obstacles in everyone's way; and as Norman's conquests prove pyrrhic victories, if not outright defeats, we will laugh and feel chilled.

I can hardly wait.

Up in Nottingham Howard Brenton's *The Churchill Play* is set in 1984. In Britain's Twenty-eighth Internment Camp somewhere in the North of England, the prisoners rehearse a play about Winston Churchill, after whom the camp is named.

Howard Brenton is not very forthcoming in the matter of why the men are interned, though we gather that some have defied a 1981 Industrial Relations Act. Towards the close, a member of a Parliamentary committee, flown in by helicopter to see the play and the prisoners' conditions, defends an Orwellian technique of mental torture; there are lighter references to inflation, a cigarette costing just under £1 and a bar of chocolate £5.50.

Mr Brenton is clearly suggesting that our society is moving towards totalitarianism, and I think he is implying that Churchill bears some direct responsibility for this, though the only charges he prefers against him are that he sent in soldiers against Welsh miners in 1919 and that he patronizes a workingclass couple bereft of home in the blitz.

With his vaguely specified sketch of totalitarianism, Mr Brenton offers a hazier view of the order that subsisted "before England fell apart" (and, in Richard Eyre's production, "Puppet on a String" replaced "God Save the Queen.") Nor does brief declaration of a fear of inherited syphilis provide convincing substance for the study of a politician's attitudes towards the power he wields.

We are offered something like a characterization in Julian Curry's liberal Recreation Officer, encouraging the men's dramatized anarchy, yet parading himself before them in stylish civilian clothes. It is this detail which gives a clue to the play's undoubted power.

Adele Leigh's return

La Vie Parisienne
Theatre Royal. Brighton

William Mann

Offenbach's operetta about Paris on the eve of the 1867 exhibition used to be in the Sadler's Wells Opera repertory and will be remembered for June Bronhill's spirited impersonation of the Colonel's widow and Eric Shilling's Swedish Baron intent on revelry. *La vie Parisienne* includes none of the most popular Offenbach tunes and its plot is almost non-existent—such as there is might be described as proto-Feydeau—but it does contain sundry numbers whose charm and humour cling happily to the memory. Tom Hawkes's new production for Phoenix Opera has a welcome baptism this week at Brighton Festival; it brings back Adele Leigh to the British operatic stage.

Tim Goodchild's settings are designed for a small stage but gratify the eye for spectacle with their darkly voluptuous colours and sense of fun, as evident in the fancy dresses as in the arrival of the Brittany express in the opening scene. Mr Hawkes concentrates sensibly on individual characterizations: he has minimal recourse, fortunately, to the music hall dance routines which are supposed obligatory in French *opéra bouffe*, but does make much visually of the musical set pieces—the Colonel's widow and her fake German folksong for the benefit of Bavarian tourists; the Swiss Admiral's split trouser-seat, the tipsy Baron, and indeed Metella's letter song, an oasis of tenderness amid the hectic gaiety.

Anna Sharkey brought strong personality, witty timing, and a bright, powerful voice to the versatile glove-seller's activities. As the evening progressed she and Miss Leigh's Metella both began to project the same sort of dogged hard character (and the lovely Miss Leigh was surprisingly careless in matters of rhythm and rapport), nicely complemented by the softer charm of Susan Lees as the maid Pauline and Doreen Millman as the Baroness.

Among the men, John Winfield's bouncing, philandering Brazilian, Ian Caddy's excellently controlled matinée idol Bobinet, and David Bowman's candyfloss Baron, all gave great pleasure. Ezra Rachlin conducted with spirit, not always tidily.

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Stanley Sadie

One might expect that a keyboard player organizing a festival would regard it as offering golden opportunities for self-promotion. Not so Lina Lalandi: her chief energies go into the widening of our musical horizons in her EBF, which is more truly international than any other English festival. It is rare for her to be lured to the console, as she was last night for Handel's Op 4 No 2 organ concerto; after a fairly nervous start, she gave us neat fingerwork, judicious phrasing and alert rhythm

The other special attraction was the singing of Rodney Hardesty, the American whose high counter tenor cut through every ensemble at the recent "Sun King" concert in St Paul's. Here he sang arias by Handel and Rossini, and showed a remarkably agile instrument, not very large, finely controlled in the florid music, sure of pitch, rather shallow and very grainy in timbre. It has not quite the heroic quality needed for Handel castrato roles, or the expressive colour for the Rossini cavatinas. But a countertenor sailing easily up to a top G, and then producing a fair ring of tone, is a rarity

Tuesday's revival of Britten's *Owen Wingrave* provided another opportunity to see one of the best looking, most ingenious and telling of Covent Garden's recent productions. Yet it is not a wholly successful stage opera: its dialectic is undermined by a ruthless stacking of the cards to provide a simplistic opposition of "good" and "bad", its text (sometimes its music too) marred by cliché.

Steuart Bedford directed, with a cast much as before (Fisher, Harper, Luxon, Pears, Douglas, Shirley-Quirk). Katherine Pring took over Kate Julian's role from Janet Baker, making the character more convincingly girlish: proud, almost pert at times, essentially simple in outlook: "not hateful, only young", as Coyle says. Janice Chapman took over Mrs Julian from Jennifer Vyvyan, to whose memory Tuesday's performance was dedicated.

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WADDINGTON GALLERIES, 34 Cork Street, W.1. 499 1866. BERNARD COHEN recent paintings. Daily 10-5.30 Sats. [illegible]

Two major exhibitions opened this week, one in London, and the other in Brighton. Jeffery Daniels discusses 'George III, Collector and Patron' at the Queen's Gallery. William Gaunt has been to Brighton, where this year the Festival has turned its eyes towards the sea.

A kinder view of George III

The new exhibition, at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, draws attention to an unfamiliar aspect of a monarch often dismissed as an obstinate booby in his youth and a pathetic wreck in old age: *George III, Collector and Patron* includes not only paintings and drawings but furniture, clocks, porcelain, silver, scientific intruments, books, miniatures and gems either collected or commissioned by him, mostly in the first 25 years of his immensely long reign (1760-1820).

When George succeeded his grandfather George II, he immediately gave political power to his mentor and idol the Earl of Bute, whose younger brother, James Stuart Mackenzie, was the intermediary in the purchase in 1762 of the collection of paintings, drawings, books and gems belonging to Joseph Smith, British Consul in Venice. This acquisition, by far the most important he made, included no fewer than 50 paintings by Canaletto, several of which are exhibited, notably the superb *Piazzetta towards the Torre dell'Orologio*, painted in the free, fluid manner of the artist's earliest works, which can be seen already beginning to harden in the two smaller views also on show, although these probably date from only a few years later.

The brave but meaningless formality of eighteenth-century Venetian public life, embodied in the imperious figure of the red-robed, bewigged senator in the foreground of the view of the Piazzetta, has its counterpart in Pietro Longhi's subtly disparaging scenes of the aristocracy at home: the vaguely titillating languor of the young couple in *The Morning Levée* evokes a life-style based on a desperate search for pleasure which could even comprehend the absurdity of *Blind Man's Buff*, among whose exquisitely dressed participants is an obsequious young abbé, who coyly holds up his cassock while preserving his deferential smile. The carefully painted detail in this delightful pair of pictures reinforces the impact of the social comment, which Longhi, unlike his English contemporary Hogarth, never spells out. Even in such intimate circumstances, however, protocol had to be observed, and it is worth noting that the young man who is blindfolded is also wearing gloves, presumably to avoid *the mutual embarrassment* of flesh touching flesh in this world of elaborate fiction.

Moses Receiving the Law, by Castiglione

Such artificiality was not to George III's own taste, and even in the decoration of his apartments he preferred simplicity to profusion, although *the astronomical clocks* for which he had a passion were encased in magnificent structures of rare woods decorated with gilt bronze, like the Barograph (1765) devised for him by Alexander Cumming or the Four-sided Astronomical Clock, made three years later to a design by Sir William Chembers, apparently modified by the king himself. His taste in furniture tended to favour a combination of utility with monumentality, as in William Vile's magnificent mahogany Bookcase supplied in 1762 to accommodate the ever-increasing library he was amassing, and which at his death numbered some 67,000 books.

His queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz liked more obviously decorative furniture, and in the same year Vile made for her a jewel cabinet of oak and mahogany, veneered with tulipwood, amboyna, rosewood and ivory, which, as the catalogue entry rightly states, "ranks among the finest pieces of furniture made in England in the mid-eighteenth century". The ivory inlay in a refined Rococo style is of such superlative quality that it recalls the work of Pietro Piffetti in the Palazzo Reale at Turin, and prompts the thought that Vile may have had an Italian or Italian-trained craftsman in his workshop.

Barely 20 years later (1781) William Gates made the pair of semi-circular cabinets of oak and pine, veneered with satinwood, tulipwood and purplewood and inlaid with a design of vases and arabesques in a fully evolved Neo-classical style for the apartments at Buckingham House of George, Prince of Wales, the future Regent (1811) and George IV (1820). Although commissioned by his father, it is tempting to see in these cabinets the incipient taste of the young prince, soon to commission Henry Holland to remodel Carlton House for him.

The largest items in the exhibition are set out in the main gallery, and a nice balance has been achieved between pictures and furniture, creating an effect of restrained magnificence that would no doubt have appealed to the king himself, represented by Gainsborough's great full-length portrait, that Horace Walpole found "very like, but stiff and raw"; its pendant of the queen, one of the painter's finest achievements, is also shown. On the staircase leading to the upper gallery are hung some charming smaller pictures, including a pair of light-hearted mythologies by Zuccarelli and a *Finding of Moses* by Sebastiano Ricci that Smith sold to the king as a Veronese, having had it engraved as such by J. B. Jackson.

In the upper gallery itself a number of superb Italian drawings are displayed, as well as silver, books and manuscripts, among which is the scor Handel's oratorio, *Jeph* Handel was the king's favou composer and the exhibition includes Roubiliac's bust of as well as a harpsichord Rucker which traditionally longed to Handel. Designs Chambers and Cipriani for State Coach (still in use) an Robert Adam, again with C ani, for *Illuminations at B ingham House* give some ide the fever of artistic act which must have surrounded young king in the years imm ately after his accession.

It is true that his taste less sophisticated than tha his eldest son, and that on whole he liked what he k but nevertheless George III emerge from this care selected, well arranged and overpoweringly large exhib as a more sympathetic char than Dr Plumb's "unbala man of low intelligence" w lead one to expect.

Jeffery Dan

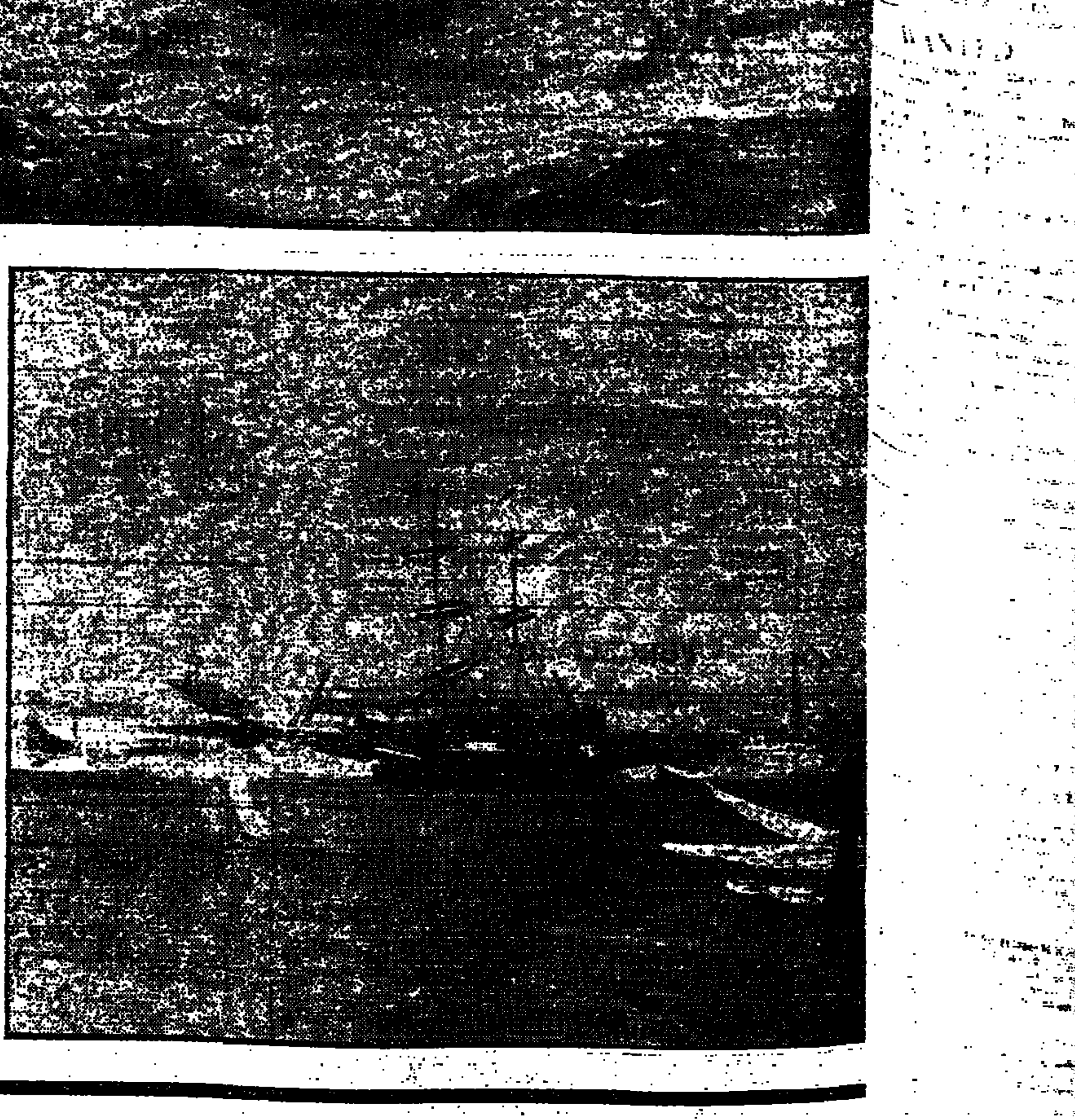
Inspiration beside the seaside

An excellent loan exhibition of sea pictures is a feature of this year's Brighton Festival. Organized by Peyton Skipwith of the Fine Art Society and presented on behalf of the Brighton Festival Society at the Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade, from now until May 19, the exhibition consists of British paintings of sea and seashore by artists who had gained a stimulus from the Impressionist movement. Many of them, working towards the end of the last century and in the early years of the twentieth, found the atmosphere of Brighton and, on the French coast, of Dieppe especially congenial. There are striking examples of the inspiration derived from sojourn at these resorts, though sea and sky without local reference also exerted their spell.

The Scottish painter, William McTaggart, was exceptional as a self-made Impressionist and almost a stranger to France, but essentially in the spirit of the development was his rendering of the "silver sea". Characteristic is the catalogue photograph of the artist face to face with nature on the beach, his canvas and easel in this breezy environment stabilized by a heavy stone while he studies the incoming waves. Painters equally at home on either side of the Channel were Whistler and Sickert, Jacques Emile Blanche and Théodore Roussel, all of whom are represented. Charles Conder is at his delicate best in beach scenes at both Brighton and Dieppe observed with a sense of idyll and rendered with a butterfly lightness of style. Wilson Steer is represented by paintings that again recall the brilliance of his early work when the influence of Paris was fresh. The *Two Girls on Walberswick Beach* from Plymouth Art Gallery suggests *a conscious employment of the* pointillist style. A number of small oil sketches show Steer in entirely spontaneous effort. The large picture of nude bathers, *A Summer's Evening*, last shown in the Royal Academy's exhibition, "Impressionism", reinforces their effect.

The exhibition has many pleasant surprises. Among them is Orpen's *On the Beach, Howth*, 1910, a work full of limpid colour and light, free from the heavy gloss that often marred his later work. Sir William Nicholson's *The Brig*, 1906, from the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art has a telling simplicity and the richness of oil paint on a coarsely textured canvas in which Nicholson excelled. The pastel *Wake of the Ship* by William Stott of Oldham traces out a sea pattern with startling fidelity. In *On the Sands*, c 1905, Hugh Bellingham Smith showed a sensitive quality that somewhat relates him to Conder. Mostly the pictures are of the sea in its beguiling aspect, but Brangwyn's early canvas, *The Wrack Gatherers*, continues the tradition of Israels in its evocation of toil.

William Gaunt



Above: Beach Scene, Dieppe, by Charles Conder, from Sheffield City Art Galleries.
Right: Sir William Nicholson's The Brig (1906), from the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art.

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Travel

Legal package

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It is usually the accommodation which suffers from any cost cutting. The price of an otherwise excellent hotel may be much reduced because it is situated close to an airport, or noisy main road.

Before booking any prospective holidaymaker should read the brochure carefully. By law, it must give a true description and accurate details of the holiday, mode of travel and any associated facilities and services. When he signs the booking form, he is entering into a contract with the tour company, of which the brochure is an integral part. Even if he has not read the booking form, once he signs, he is bound by its terms. But he may take comfort in the fact that no small-print clauses hidden in it can operate to relieve the tour operator of legal liability for any inaccuracies in the brochure.

The holidaymaker should ask for further details about the holiday not included in the brochure. It does not matter whether such additional information is given over the counter or on the telephone. The tour operator will be responsible if it proves untrue. This is so even though the holidaymaker has no document to prove what he was told but, naturally, he will be on much firmer ground if he gets it confirmed in writing. One way of doing this is to write to thank the tour office for the information given, and repeat it at length in the letter.

Where the holidaymaker has been misled, he has, on his return, two lines of attack. First, since the Trade Descriptions Act, 1968, tour operators can be prosecuted and heavily fined for giving false or misleading information. The court can also order them to pay compensation to the holidaymaker.

The advantage of a prosecution is that it will involve the disgruntled holidaymaker in no expense. On his return, he should write to the tour operators listing his complaints, and asking whether they are prepared to offer compensation. If no satisfactory reply is received, he should then report the matter to the trading standards officer in the Weights and Measures Department of his local authority. If satisfied that the company has committed a breach of the Trade Descriptions Act, the officer will start a prosecution.

The second method is to go to a solicitor for advice on making a civil claim for compensation. This is not often done, because the expense involved is seldom justified by the compensation obtained and it usually involves taking on a large organization single-handed. If the case is lost, the holidaymaker could find himself paying not only his own legal fees, but the company's legal costs too. Conversely, if he wins, they would have to pay his legal costs. (Under the new arbitration procedure the loser does not have to pay legal costs.)

The law on civil claims is different from that for criminal prosecutions. If the holidaymaker is given misleading information after he has signed the booking form, this would constitute an offence under the Trade Descriptions Act; it would not ground a civil claim for compensation. He would get compensation under the Misrepresentation Act, 1967 only if the misleading information had actually induced him to sign the booking form.

For a civil claim for compensation the holidaymaker need not have such a strong case. A prosecution under the Trade Descriptions Act must be proved meticulously as it is a criminal matter. The object is to punish the tour company with a fine and an order to pay compensation is merely ancillary. Consequently, the case must be more clearly proved. The court must be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, either that: the brochure was misleading, and the company knew it was untrue; or the company was "reckless" in making promises about the holiday without real regard to the likelihood of its promises being fulfilled.

Prosecution by the trading standards officer is not always successful, particularly where the complaint relates to the standard of rooms, meals or other facilities. The tour company can generally throw the blame for such complaints onto the hotel. This happened in the case of Mr and Mrs Dodd who were put in a room without a view in Majorca whereas the brochure had said all rooms had terraces overlooking the harbour.

In defence, the organizers explained that the hotel management was at fault in not providing the room booked. (In fact the hotel had offered the couple a small refund. The court accepted that the organizers had had no similar complaint during the previous four years they had dealt with that hotel. The organizers were acquitted.

By contrast, in a civil claim where Mr Steelman had not been given the correct accommodation the Court of Appeal increased his damages to £50. Mr Trackman too objected when the Spanish hotel he had booked tried to put him into their annexe. He walked out and went to another hotel and the tour company was obliged to foot the bill.

Booking at a new hotel is always a gamble since it can never be certain that all the facilities described in the brochure will be ready in time. This was the experience of Mr Bateman, but here again the tour operators escaped conviction under the Trade Descriptions Act. Their brochure advertised the hotel as having a swimming pool, push chairs, and special meals for children. Mr Bateman found that none of these was available.

The court dismissed the charge of giving misleading information about push chairs and special meals since the tour operators had no reason to believe the hotel would not supply these facilities. With the swimming pool, the court of appeal held that the brochure infringed the Trade Descriptions Act only if the operatives knew the pool might not be ready for use. Thus a disappointed holidaymaker may have to finance his own civil claim.

Two recent civil cases have made tour operators decidedly uneasy, especially since the compensation in one exceeded the cost of the holiday.

Mr Jarvis received £125 for loss of enjoyment in respect of a two-week winter sports holiday in Austria for which he had paid £63.45. He had a host of minor complaints ranging from unsatisfactory skis, to the free tea which did not consist of Swiss pastries, but only of rather small, dry nut cakes. His chief complaint was that the brochure had led him to expect a house party, but no one turned up during the second week, and he was virtually alone with the proprietor, who could speak no English. The skiing was a long way off, entertainment was almost nil, and the famed Alphütte Bar was merely an annexe open only one evening a week.

Taken singly, these complaints seem minor, but together they turned a holiday into a major disappointment. The Court of Appeal not only increased his compensation, but in so doing extended the law by taking into account his loss of anticipated enjoyment.

Some tour operators seek to avoid the effect of this decision by stipulating in their conditions of booking that any compensation should be limited to the cost of the holiday. In practice such limits on liability are not likely to get tour operators very far in court.

From the holidaymaker's point of view, the risk of having to cancel because of illness can and should be insured against. But what about the person who has to cancel for some other reason? The booking form invariably lays down a sliding scale of charges due on cancellation. The amount payable rises steeply as the departure date approaches.

Recently two young ladies came to the conclusion that they could not really afford their projected holiday in Spain. They had paid the full price of £73.50 but decided the money would be better spent on furniture for their new flat. They sensibly advertised in a local newspaper and found an elderly couple who were willing to pay them £68 each for their tickets. When they informed the tour operator, that the couple would be going in their place, they were told they would still have to pay a cancellation fee of 45 per cent.

The explanation given was that since all the firm's records were fully computerized, a great deal of time and expense would be involved in arranging the rebooking. Since this case was publicized many firms have announced that they do not charge a cancellation fee in such circumstances but would accept the substitute booking, and charge a nominal fee of £1.50 for the work involved.

Strictly, the legal position is that they are not entitled to charge any fee at all. In law the benefit of a booking can be passed on to another person (unless the conditions of booking prohibit this). Accordingly the tour operator should not object to the transfer and ought not to charge a transfer fee.

Another point about cancellation is that the tour operator must take reasonable steps to reduce any loss in the event of cancellation. He must try to sell the holiday to someone else even at a reduced price. Consequently, if there is a list of people waiting to go on that particular holiday, he ought to charge no cancellation fee. In any case, payment could be opposed on the ground that it is a penalty.

Ronald Irving

Gardening

Watering places

Such is the capriciousness of an English spring, or any other season come to that where the weather is concerned, that any forecast that seems reasonable at the time can be completely reversed by events. On April 13 I wrote that my old Bramley apple tree blossom was so far advanced I thought it would be all over by May 8, a date I watch every year in respect of this tree's flowering. Almost at once the weather turned cold, and only in the past few days have some of the petals started to fall.

You may say that nature has a way of redressing her balances, but there has been an unwelcome side-effect to the chilly period—the bees are not venturing forth as they should and this may affect pollination. The wind, of course, is responsible for a certain amount of fruit pollination, and where trees are growing in fairly large blocks in orchards presumably it does not matter much which way the winds blow.

But if wind is an important factor in fruit pollination, isolated trees in gardens would probably not fare so well as those in an orchard block.

Now we must return to the vexed question of water. The rainfall at Wisley in March was the lowest for 15 years, and there is a deficiency of water in the soil across the south half of England of the order of 2 to 2.5in; that is, nine to 12 gallons of water to the square yard.

The figures refer to moisture lost from the ground and not replaced. Thus ground under crops is now dry to a depth of up to a foot.

It is most unlikely that this deficiency will be made up before next winter, so timely watering is even more important than in most springs. Fruit trees, pears and plums particularly, are very prone to shed their small fruitlets if they are short of water; plums especially will do this at what is known as the "stoning" stage.

Once more I stress the importance of watering generously all young shrubs and trees—even those planted two or three years ago if the dry spells continue and if the ground is fairly quick draining.

Taking water to our plants has been enormously simplified in recent years, not only by the introduction of a range of sprinklers from which one can make a choice that will water any given shape of plot, but by the continued improvement in the various hose fittings. Hozelock Ltd, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8JD, were pioneers in the production of fittings both for half-inch plastic hose and for the semi-rigid Alkathene pipe of up to one inch bore.

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While these modern fittings are simplicity itself to fit, there is a rather bewildering choice of different types for different purposes—to attach the hose to a tap or valve, to join two lengths of hose, to branch off from a "Y" connector, and so on. Hozelock have now set up an advisory department, so if you have a garden watering problem, write to them and they will suggest the best way of overcoming it.

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My various references to the desirability of watering daffodils and other small bulbs copiously after flowering, if the weather has been unusually dry, brought the usual crop of queries about the cutting down of daffodil foliage. A demonstration of the effects of cutting the foliage of daffodils growing in grass has been going on at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley for the past three years. While it will take several more years to assess the results of this trial, the effect on subsequent flowering of cutting the foliage after different periods after the flowers have faded is already showing definite trends.

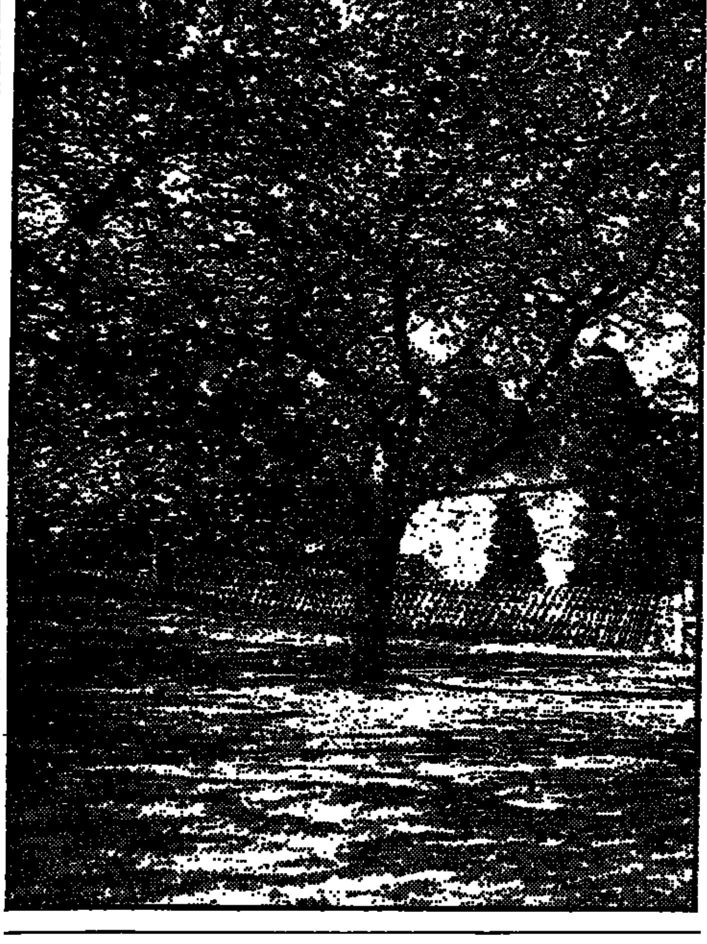
Naturally, the most floriferous patches this year were those on which the foliage has always been allowed to die down naturally. The quicker the foliage is cut off after flowering, the poorer the flowers the following year, but it seems that not much damage is caused if the cutting of the foliage is delayed for four to six weeks after flowering.

So, the old advice still applies—water bulbs copiously several times after flowering if the weather is dry, until the leaves begin to turn yellow; pick off seed heads of daffodils, but not of small bulbs and do not cut the foliage if you can bear to see it, and certainly not before four to six weeks have elapsed after the flowers have faded.

Few people know about the activities of The Field Studies Council and the programmes of courses they run at nine field centres. Full details of these programmes of courses, usually lasting for one week from Wednesday to Wednesday, may be obtained from The Field Studies Council, 9 Devereux Court, Strand, London WC2R 3JR. A course, for which there are still some vacancies and which may interest some readers, is the Garden Botany course at the Flatford Mill Field Centre, East Bergholt, near Colchester, CO7 6UL, telephone East Bergholt 283. It is primarily a botanical course, but a number of interesting gardens will be visited. The course lasts from May 22 to May 29.

Another course of interest to gardeners concerns "Plants and Animals in the Garden" at Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6DA, August 7-11. Also of interest might be the course on "Nature Conservation", September 11-18, again at the Flatford Mill Centre.

Roy Hay



Bridge

Off balance

I was looking for some hands to highlight the distinction between duplicate and rubber play when I came across an interesting deal from some overseas trials. The declarer was not satisfied to take the vulnerable game and thought that he could make an overtrick for a top score. He failed ignominiously where the club player would have been glad to win the rubber, dispensing with an extra profit of 30 if he risked his contract.

North South game; dealer North.

North: ♠Q 10 ♡K 7 6 2 ♢A Q J 10 9 4 ♣6
West: ♠9 8 5 ♡4 ♢K 8 6 ♣A J 9 8 7 2
East: ♠K 7 3 2 ♡Q J 10 9 ♢3 ♣K 5 4 3
South: ♠A J 6 4 ♡A 8 5 3 ♢7 5 2 ♣Q 10

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	No	1 Heart	2 Clubs
3 Hearts	4 Clubs	4 Hearts	No
No	No		

West made the somewhat unfortunate lead of the ♣9 to the ♣Q, ♣K and ♣A, but it proved a blessing to the defence in disguise.

The most obvious deduction from his opponents' bidding did not register with the declarer; he should have expected short suits in their hands, since they were bidding freely on clubs with little besides.

He cashed the ♠10, ♡A, ♠J (discarding the ♣6) and finessed the ♢9. Everything was chiming as sweetly as a wedding bell until he played the ♡K and found two winning trumps with East. Unable to return to his hand declarer cashed the ♢A ruffed by East who drew a round of trumps and forced dummy's last trump with the ♠7, leaving South with three losers.

There was no real problem. Declarer was bound to take the diamond finesse sooner or later and he could not afford to draw two rounds of trumps before establishing dummy's long suit in case there were four trumps in one hand. So his best chance was to finesse the ♢K whilst he had two entries in his hand and, if it failed, to rely upon a favourable break in trumps.

It is unusual in international tournaments for an opening lead to cost 1,000 points. One of my friends saw the defence to a slam utterly wrecked by an apparently harmless lead when he was watching the European Championships some years ago.

No score; dealer North.

North: ♠A K J 8 5 2 ♡A 7 6 5 ♢4 ♣J 6
West: ♠— ♡K Q 4 2 ♢10 9 8 3 2 ♣A 8 7 4
East: ♠Q 10 9 7 ♡J 10 9 8 ♢J 6 5 ♣K 3
South: ♠6 4 3 ♡3 ♢A K Q 7 ♣Q 10 9 5 2

North	East	South	West
1 spade	No	2 Clubs	No
2 Hearts	No	2 No trumps	No
4 Spades	No	5 Spades	No
6 Spades	No	No	No

East was not worried about his opening lead, for the bidding suggested that he must make two tricks in trumps. To be on the safe side he would have been wiser to lead the ♣3, in case the ♣AQ were in dummy and declarer could be tempted to win with the ♣A. There was also the possibility that the ♠J doubleton might be in dummy. East made what he considered to be a safe lead of the ♡J. Declarer won with the ♡A, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♢A, discarded his two losing clubs on diamonds, cross-ruffed clubs and hearts and was left with ♠AKJ8. He ruffed a club from dummy with the ♠8 and took the rest.

A trump opening by East from the Q1097 scarcely stands out, but it would have broken the contract. I find it hard to visualize a club player attempting a small slam with such scanty material, although he is popularly supposed to bid less cautiously than the duplicate expert.

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When an Englishman's stately home is his liability

"Troupes of holiday neighbours hourly chase me from my apartments or strolling around the environs keep me prisoner." The eighteenth-century equivalent of the day tripper was not welcome at Lord Lyttelton's home at Cobham Hall in 1778.

Nearly 200 years later stately home owners might privately commiserate with the complaint but none the less welcome such hordes. The arrival of mass motoring and the cost of maintaining Britain's great houses has turned a nuisance initiated by enterprising servants in the harassed lord's time into a business worth £20m to £25m per year. In fact the girls' school which now owns Cobham Hall charges 20p to visitors.

This year more than seven million sightseers will cross the historic or ornate thresholds of 302 private homes, ranging from palaces to mere manor houses. They will pay 5p to see the hunt kennels at Badminton or £1.50 to allow monkeys to swing on their wing mirrors in Woburn's Wild Animal Kingdom.

The age of the modern stately home was introduced by Lord Bath in 1946. He resurrected a practice well-established by Victorian times when Chatsworth drew 80,000 in one year.

Lord Bath said death duties made him go public but many other owners place the blame on the cost of keeping their homes literally intact. Some have taken government grants towards renovation and the money comes with a requirement to open for a given number of days each year. To get grant, in the first place, 50 per cent of the cost must be put up and this in itself can be a reason for opening, even before there is any requirement.

Once open it becomes virtually impossible to close again. Only two homes have done so; one being Sutton Hoo where Mr Getty can afford the cost of repairing a leaking roof out of his own pocket as one of the world's richest men.

For other less fortunate owners the pennies from the public help to maintain the fabric. Ragley Hall received grants of over £100,000 but it still costs £20,000 to run the place with incidentals like £100 a time to clean the windows. In the winter 600 gallons of oil are needed every eight days to heat Doddington House.

Owners of lesser homes look at Beaulieu and Woburn and shudder. Lord Montague estimates his annual running costs at six figures. Faced with this it is little wonder owners will give water ski demonstrations as did the Marquess of Hertford or welcome nudists as did the Duke of Bedford, perhaps primus inter pares among the stately home owners before his retirement.

But when the antics and china exhibitions are over few owners claim to make a profit. Less than 40, perhaps as few as six, are estimated to be in this happy position. Dusting off the *Rembrandts is not enough to* cater for the tastes of today or the problem of tax.

Apart from the costs of maintenance the Inland Revenue takes its toll. Under a category called Case One, which covers 20 houses, the costs of maintenance can be offset. But owners have to show they stand a chance of making a profit to reap this benefit. Few apparently can and the rest come under Case Six which means that only costs such as guides or car parks can be offset and not omnipresent repairs.

The simple exercise of showing is not enough and the homes at the top of the league have gone on to use advantages of geographical position and parkland to develop leisure industries; their owners and managers *talk* about providing a complete day out for the family.

The result is that Beaulieu draws 750,000 visitors a year and Woburn which refuses to issue figures, is thought to be somewhere close. They are nowhere near the three million at the Tower of London but doing very nicely thank you.

Their hard-headed professionalism has helped to spawn new service industries. Once it was pencil makers and guide book printers. Now it is leisure consultancy.

There are three firms, developed over the past three years, ready to bring in their experts if the owners can gamble £1,000 to £20,000 for the service. At Doddington House the cost was over £10,000. The firms give estimates, draw up plans and provide landscape artists, lawyers and architects.

One firm advertises for owners interested in going into partnership with outside money. Another has between 40 and 50 owners on its books with projects ranging from £250,000 to £30m.

The most obvious result is a game park at a cost between £250,000 and £750,000, involving *roads at £25,000 a mile, lions* home-bred for £250 each and elephants at £2, a trunk. Otherwise it may be a boating lake, golf course or conference facilities.

But there are some who cannot develop in this way or do not wish to do so. The Earl of Mansfield's Scone *Palace* offers antiques and antiquities, brings in 55,000 and has made a profit for the past five years. However, Ragley Hall with 40,000 visitors after 16 years has only had one profitable year. Right at the bottom are places like Heath Hall near Wakefeld where there are weeks without visitors.

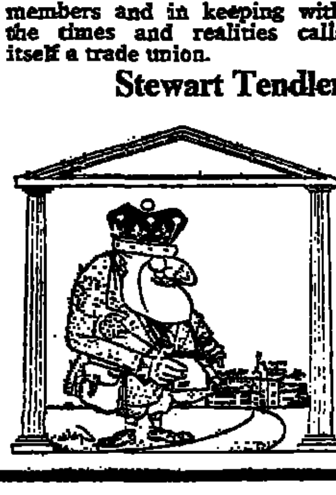
When people do come most owners find them agreeable. The reason for the journey varies from curiosity to a valid reason for a Sunday drive. Owners especially if they are titled, and there are 69 involved in the business, sometimes put themselves on show. It might be worth as much as 50,000 extra visitors.

The season is just getting into its annual stride of polyglot coachloads of tourists and family saloons and many an owner will whisper a little prayer for rain to encourage the *turnover but not reveal the* leaks in the roof.

Dexterity has allowed many owners to survive homicidal monarchs and rebellious rabbles but now they say they face the axe of the proposed wealth tax. They fear it will bring a fatal blow to a difficult business and furious lobbying has begun.

Like the mutinous barons of old they have allied. First they planned to fight Case One and Case Six but now have turned to this new threat. The Historic Houses Association has 120 members and in keeping with the times and realities calls itself a trade union.

Stewart Tendler



George Hutchinson

Can Mr Powell resist the Ulster road back?

Not all of Mr Enoch Powell's friends and well-wishers are best pleased by the prospect *that he may choose to return to* Westminster via Ulster. They are fretting not so much because they would prefer him to represent an English constituency (a Welsh one would be equally acceptable—his family probably originated in Radnorshire), but because they recognize the political danger to Mr Powell of excessive involvement in Northern Ireland, graveyard of many a national reputation. They fear that his wider appeal would be reduced or even lost by over-identification with Ulster—for whose warring factions, it may be said, there is ever less sympathy elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Of course, this may not happen, for Mr Powell has yet to receive a precise and formal offer of a seat. I sense that he is expecting one, however, and I know that he will be greatly tempted to accept. There is no doubt that he is genuinely and deeply interested in securing an Ulster settlement. With few exceptions, the Ulster Unionists have shown him their good will, and the feeling is reciprocated.

Then again, Mr Powell finds common ground with them in their attitude to the EEC. *Given all this,* and his determination to return to the House of Commons without avoidable delay, he will find it hard to resist any impending call, whatever the misgivings among his friends in England.

That stimulating spirit, Mr Angus Maude, assails Mr Ian Gilmour, a member of the Shadow Cabinet, in the columns of *The Times*. Mr Clive Landa, *chairman of* the Young Conservative Organization, assails the party hierarchy. Provincial grandees of the National Union assail the mandarins of Smith Square. Among all the various arms and auxiliaries of the Tory Party—from PEST and the Bow Group to the perversely-named Selsdon Group—a great debate on policy gathers force.

Nothing could be more welcome. The party is again becoming interesting. It all illustrates what I was suggesting last Saturday—a renewal of political vitality. The Tories are perking up after their understandable depression over the election. They are regaining something of their old confidence.

If debate means discord, well and good. No harm should come of dissension over policy so long as there is agreement in the end. The party would be in poor shape if there were none.

In Opposition, policy is the special province of the Conservative Research Department, cooperating with the National Advisory Committee, and its dissemination that of the party organization. In considering the future, it may be instructive to *look at the past.*

From 1945 to 1951, when the Tories were in Opposition under Churchill, Lord Woolton was chairman of the party. R. A. Butler was chairman of the Research Department. The Woolton-Butler partnership, though not completely congenial to either, was a resoundingly successful one. Woolton supplied the organization, Butler the policies. Without them, *the Tories might not* have been returned to office in 1951, Churchill or no Churchill.

Later there was the Hailsham-Butler partnership under Mr Macmillan (already in office)—Lord Hailsham as chairman of the party, Butler still chairman of the Research Department. Again, it was a brilliantly productive combination (remember the Tory majority of 100 in the 1959 election, little more than two years after Suez, which at the time seemed likely to ruin the Conservatives).

This suggests that under its appointed leader the Conservative Party can best prosper when each of these two chairmanships combines strong, [illegible] minded personal capacity [illegible] recognized political stature. [illegible], when the two chairmen are scarcely less important than the leader himself and can hold their own with him.

At present Lord Carrington is chairman of the party. Sir Michael Fraser (soon to be Lord Fraser of Somewhere—somewhere in Aberdeenshire, I dare say) is chairman of the Research Department.

This cannot be described as a straight partnership between organization and research, however. Much less is it a competitive one. The relationship is *complicated* (or diluted) by another of Sir Michael's appointments: besides his overall responsibility for research, he is a deputy chairman of the party organization—indeed its senior salaried administrator.

A good many Conservatives think that this arrangement should be changed, so that in a period of reconstruction and recovery the Research Department is headed by someone quite free from organizational responsibilities. Sir Keith Joseph is frequently mentioned, and his qualifications are at once apparent.

Alternatively, it is suggested, Sir Michael Fraser might be released from his deputy chairmanship of the party organization to concentrate on research and policy, with the enhanced authority that would accompany his full attention to what is now most needed. This would have the additional effect of reducing Lord Carrington's dep uties to one, Mr James Prior that the hierarchy became top-heavy and ultimate cont more sharply defined.

Many would agree that wi out the duties and distraction of ministerial office Lord Ca rington has the makings of notably good chairman. Th qualities are there—rathe Whiggish ones. Humane an generous in social outlo frank and good-humoured, he also a considerable man affairs, though not, alas, a gre speaker like Lord Hailsha (neither was Woolton).

His critics among MPs a members of the National Un have no need to go on moan about the party organizati admittedly imperfect in election campaign. That safely be left to Lord Carri ton to put right where it wrong. Instead, they mi apply their minds to the business of serious politi people—which is policy.

The underground car-park MPs in Palace Yard is near completion at long last. Me while, I hear, the Grea London Council is thinking restricting three squares pedestrians: Leicester Squa Trafalgar Square—and Parl ment Square.

Easy to predict the upshot the proposal is carried ou MPs will be exempt from t restriction in Parliame Square. They alone will allowed to drive right to t House—if only to utilize th costly new car-park.

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The quiet men with a President's future in their hands

> ❛ Mr Rodino has more secrets in his safe than anyone in Washington, including the special prosecutor on K Street, but he never leaks any of them ❜

Mr Peter Rodino is short, tubby, silver-haired and happy. Mr John Doar is tall, thin, saturnine, and appears to be sunk in perpetual melancholy. This Abbot and Costello act is one of the sights of the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. Mr Rodino is chairman, Mr Doar, counsel, and they are busy preparing to impeach the President of the United States.

The reputations of those involved in Watergate rise and fall with the tide of their public prominence. Too little publicity, hiding from the cameras is bad public relations, as the President discovered. Too much publicity, an over-eagerness to be of help to reporters and to get one's photograph in the newspapers and on television is even worse. As the various members of the Ervin Committee discovered last year, the public tires of them and then the press tires of them. Nobody has said anything nice about Senator Baker or Professor Dash for many a long moon.

Mr Rodino, like Judge Sirica, is accessible but discreet. He is perfectly ready to appear on television shows, but he never says anything memorable. He has more secrets in his safe than anyone in Washington, including the special prosecutor on K Street, but never leaks any of them.

The judiciary committee staff, presided over by Mr Doar, has been preparing the evidence against the President since last February and virtually nothing has leaked out. By comparison, the staff of the Senate Watergate committee produced its recent draft report on Wednesday morning, and by early afternoon the agencies were putting out lengthy excerpts and the evening papers were able to carry long stories on its contents.

The result of all this has been to enhance Mr Rodino's reputation considerably. He had the advantage of starting out little-known and little-respected. He was considered a hack ethnic from New Jersey, the least salubrious of the states in the union. Indeed, he is the Congressman from Newark, NJ, often dubbed the nastiest city in the nastiest state.

His position as chairman of one of the more important congressional committees came by the accident of seniority. He was born in 1909, in Newark, an Italian among the Italians, and was elected to Congress in 1948. He worked himself up the judiciary committee, supporting every liberal cause that came his way and when the inhabitants of Brooklyn abruptly and surprisingly dumped 84-year-old Emanuel Celler, Mr Peter Rodino stepped into his place.

That was January, 1973, when the Congress elected with Mr Nixon in 1972 took office. Nobody paid him much attention until the impeachment question became serious politics after the dismissal of Professor Cox and the resignation of Mr Elliot Richardson last October.

With impeachment resolutions raining down, the Democratic leadership assigned them to his committee on October 23. Standing at Mr Carl Albert's side in the Speaker's office he ventured it was "a task I hoped would not be necessary". It was confidently predicted he would make a hash of it.

He was said to lack authority, to be under the thumb of whichever strong-minded Democrat last spoke to him, to have little idea how to manage his staff, to lack political sense.

The past six months have shown that all the charges were wide of the mark, that here was another ordinary man rising to the occasion. In short order, his committee reported out, after tough investigation, the fitness of then Vice-President designate Gerald Ford. To general astonishment Mr Rodino was one of the few in the House to vote against confirming Mr Ford. Then, again to some astonishment, but to more general applause, he chose, virtually on his own, Mr Doar to be the committee chief counsel.

To have found a man apparently so impartial, so resolute and judicious that Republicans prefer him to their own counsel, was a master stroke. If Mr Rodino shows the same skill conducting the private and public hearings of his committee and presenting the final report to the full House (and, perhaps, to the Senate) that he has shown during the murky battles of the secret inquiry, then he will win himself one of the strongest positions in Congress.

One *caveat* must be inserted here: Newark has gone black since Mr Rodino was first elected, and redistricting has given him the heart of the city for his constituency. The day may come when he will be challenged by a serious black Democratic candidate for the nomination, and he may then have a fight on his hands. One of the worst race riots of a bad decade occurred in Newark in 1967.

Significantly, he explained his vote against Mr Ford as one of protest at the administration's "indifference" to the sort of Americans he represented.

Mr Doar, the committee's counsel, has been a great help to Mr Rodino. The chairman's days of glory or disaster are just beginning, it is much more difficult to control 37 Congressmen, not to mention the American public watching on television, than it is to supervise a staff directed by Mr Doar.

Mr Rodino will hold the limelight in the committee for three or four weeks, and will then present the committee's report to the full House. It is a considerable challenge for an Italian-American from Newark, New Jersey.

Patrick Brogan

Political minefield of divorce Italian style

Tomorrow and Monday, the Italian electorate will emerge from one of the more grotesque experiences inflicted on a long-suffering public by finally going to the polls to decide whether or not divorce should continue to be allowed.

Throughout a campaign which has dominated political life for weeks, Italians have heard from political leaders of high authority that Marx was against divorce; that homosexual marriages would be a natural consequence of a confirmation of the divorce law; that some 200 bishops and other prelates had been or were being threatened with legal action by anti-clericals for allegedly having broken the electoral law in attacking divorce; that divorce itself would mean an outbreak of lesbianism among Sicilian wives; that its abrogation would inevitably be a decisive move towards an authoritarian regime; that Roman Catholics willing to uphold divorce were no more than on the fringes of the church, that whatever happens this weekend there is a danger that the government will fall. Even so, the outcome of the vote is difficult to predict.

The law introducing divorce was approved by the Italian parliament in December, 1970. Since then 66,000 divorces have been granted. Immediately after the law had been approved, a group of traditionalist Catholics called for a referendum to abrogate it. They could do so because the enabling legislation, applying in practice the constitutional right to abrogate laws by referendum, was approved at much the same time. It is generally supposed that the lay parties (*with the exception* of the Liberals) cooperated in passing this enabling legislation to ensure the neutrality on the divorce law of the government led by the Christian Democrats, who are a specifically Roman Catholic party and thus opposed to divorce.

Hence, all the political parties except the Liberals sowed for themselves the minefield which in the past few weeks they have activated. The ecclesiastical hierarchy helped: The most sensitive of Italian bishops still feel that allowing the request for a referendum to go forward without waiting to see the effect of the law or sounding the opinion of the whole Catholic structure in Italy was a grave mistake.

A confrontation on divorce could have had some attraction. The rapid economic progress of Italy and the great social changes involved in the quick shift from a primarily agricultural society to an industrial way of life have fragmented the social conscience. The question of divorce as a test of those who wished to abide by the traditional dogmas and, implicitly, the traditional way of life would have been a useful sociological study. The majority of Italians might not particularly want to belong to the form of society which their European commitment, their economic progress and their ability to work was imposing on them. Spain and Ireland manage without divorce, and Italy might have felt inclined to do the same.

The family structure of Italian life might be said to have little or no room for divorce, if one accepts the view that many Italian husbands see both a certain freedom in taking occasional lovers and an affectionate or fatalistic acceptance of their family ties, and that Italian women see in a lack of divorce a measure of security for themselves. One might add that many Italians, though they talk a lot about rights, place little faith in rights given them by law; prefer to make their own arrangements without interference from so remote an institution as a duly elected parliament, let alone judges.

Southern women are normally regarded as the reservoir of opposition to divorce, because in their depressed agricultural areas they suffer most from what is common to a majority Italian women—the lack of a alternative to being a housewi Many southern women are m ried to emigrants who work other European countries a the women believe that the l of divorce is a safeguard them against the likelihood t their husbands will settle do with second wives in Germa France, Belgium or Bedford.

But this weekend's test w not produce an accurate acco of social realities. It is easy vote for the opposite of w *you intended. The electors* called on to vote for or agai the abrogation of the law, wh means that those in favour divorce have to vote "*NO*" a those against it "*SI*". E those who have mastered system and have underst what abrogation means have to face the astounding b of political, ecclesiastical (intentionally) misleading culations erected over so in are a question as divorce.

The Communists were first to see the political dang They were never enthusia about the divorce law, w was drafted by a Socialist a Liberal. Their aim is to b an alliance of the left wh must include the Catholic as well as the Marxists, and problem of divorce is hig damaging in this respe Though the biggest of the parties, they are the least a clerical and anxious not offend the church. The Co munist leadership went a l way, probably too far, in attem ing to reach an agreement w the Christian Democrats wh would avoid the referend These efforts came at unfavourable moment, pa because of the actions of Communists themselves. L autumn they came forward w the most explicit proposal far for formal cooperation government. It appears that combination of this offer the Communists' difficul over the planned referen decided the attitude of Christian Democratic P leadership which is now in hands of the vigorous Sen Amintore Fanfani.

Senator Fanfani saw chance both to tighten u within his own divided p and take advantage of the C munist difficulties by refu to negotiate an agreement avoiding the referendum (w in fact would have extremely difficult) and fighting instead a pow "anti-divorcist" camp making anti-communism a issue.

The triumph of the poli parties over every form of however private, has c emerged from the camp The state television has s a regular series of evening grammes in which the p was told what it should t about divorce by Chri Democrats, Republicans, munists, Social Demo Liberals, Socialists and fascists.

The ecclesiastical hier has entered the struggle w weight and enthusiasm matched since the imme postwar years. There have cases of severe punishm imposed or threatened ag priests unwilling to accep full rigour of the off attitude. Even more surpri because potentially damaging in the long ru that despite the economic c the difficulties of Europe Italy's own political difficu the whole of Italian public for weeks has been tu inwards to this curious str which in real terms depend whether it was right that 6 divorces should have granted since the end of

The way the campaign been conducted reinforces that Italy is ceasing to beyond its political nose development which w naturally bring fresh dange its political institutions.

Peter Nich

Sportsview

Buchanan boxes clever in the fight business

"Behind all the glitter, British boxing's got just about as many troubles as Fleet Street", reflected a colleague gloomily last month. "All we've really *got is Ken Buchanan and he* never fights here, anyway." Like most Jeremiahs, he was exaggerating a little. Britain now holds four European titles and will challenge for two more before the end of this month. There is, too, a fair chance that Buchanan, who has had four world lightweight title contests abroad, may have the fifth one in Britain.

To explain fully why Buchanan has been so rarely seen boxing in public here one has to emphasize first that there has been no recent Machiavellian plot by some sinister syndicate to shut him out. Buchanan himself never believes in holding his tongue when he feels he has a grievance, but even he is reluctant to blame anyone for his lack of recognition compared, say, with Henry Cooper or John Conteh.

He has, after all made more than £250,000 from his career of 55 professional contests and wisely invested it, in his native Edinburgh, in a dry-cleaning business and a hotel as well as other property. He has, too, the deep satisfaction of being very much a self-made man in a sport which traditionally involves all sorts of middle-men and hangers-on. He has the distinguished aid, as an overseas agent, of Mr Jarvis Astaire, whose name is almost synonymous with business success. But Buchanan is his own manager, hires his own trainer for important matches and conducts his press interviews with as much spirit and confidence as he throws a left jab.

Nowadays he is so charming, even to the English press, that it is difficult to remember how dour he could be less than five years ago. Then he was managed by Eddie Thomas, a former British champion, and so bitter about the wages he was getting that, in 1969, he *handed his championship belt* back to the British Boxing Board of Control with the thought that he would be better off returning to his old trade as a carpenter.

The problem was that Thomas, an excellent coach in the British left hand school of boxing, did not get on with the chief London promoters and so Buchanan was confined to private clubs like the National Sporting Club where he had his first bout for money.

Having won the British title at the private Anglo-American Club in London, it was a huge jump for Buchanan, in September, 1970, to go to Panama and challenge Ismael Laguna for the world title. But by now he was ready do anything to get to the top. After beating Laguna he went to New York's famous Madison Square Garden for a non-title bout which made him thousands of new friends including the New York boxing writers who voted him their "fighter of the year". The veteran columnist, Red Smith, even mentioned Buchanan in the same breath as the immortal Sugar Ray Robinson.

Buchanan's boxing style began to change, too. He still based his approach on the left jab, about which Thomas could be a shade obsessive, but he began to throw more combinations, to hook off the jab and look for opportunities to land a right cross. He also found that his naturally gritty temperament was well suited to bargaining with the hard-headed men in New York boxing and fighting men who, to quote one American report, "hit Buchanan with a left to the groin and a right to the kidney."

His toughness comes from his childhood in an Edinburgh housing estate. "I could write a book", he has said "about the years between six and 15. *Maybe I would call it The Chip on My Shoulder.* I didn't have a really bad time like totally deprived children. But I had to fight my own battles. The boys round about didn't like me and neither did their fathers. I felt like some kind of misfit. They didn't like me because I could stand up for myself."

When he was about eight his Auntie Joan gave him a pair of boxing gloves and later he joined the Sparta Club for whom he won an amateur title in 1965. "As a laddie I was always being pushed into fights. Boys would challenge me but they were always a foot bigger *and two stones heavier.* I wouldn't back down so I had to fight every other day. I never had a real friend outside of the family, certainly none of my own age, nobody I could rely on. In a fight I was always on my own."

What is extraordinary is that Buchanan, for all the sour memories, has come to terms with his strange isolation from British rings. For a normal promotion in London he is too expensive when promoters can call upon other boxers who can sell as many tickets as Buchanan and can be paid per*haps half as much. The boxing* public identifies with Londoners like John Stracey or Johnny Clark, and for a long time even seemed to prefer paying in order to boo Joe Bugner rather than to applaud Buchanan.

Perhaps they would have had more feeling for the Scot if they had seen him in Sardinia last week winning the European title by knocking out Antonio Puddu in the sixth round. Buchanan fought almost as well before the bout, raging about the need to have his purse deposited in a bank.

His cockney trainer, Freddie Hill, says: "He carries on something marvellous. I go *along with it, too,* and when he says we're all pulling out I'm looking up flight times and shouting 'Ken, there's a plane at 7.10.' And they're all running about in a great state. He does a very good turn, does Ken."

The two men are so different that they make a very effective partnership. During the Puddu bout Buchanan was rather gentlemanly about coming out of a clinch and Hill was bellowing from the corner: "What's your game? What do you think this is, ———Amateur night?" That cheerful abuse is exactly what Buchanan pays Hill for, but he is not close to the trainer in the way Hill, who likes to be an uncle to his fighters, would prefer. "I says to Ken last week: 'why don't you come home and have a cup of tea and watch *Crossroads*' but he says he's got business to do."

The story reminded me of the night when Hill and I were having a drink in his Glasgow hotel room and Buchanan walked in. He had had a hard bout over the full 15 rounds and then collapsed, suffering from exhaustion and dehydration, in a crowded lift while coming from the ring.

Buchanan's face was bruised but he had his hat and coat on and he said he would not be staying the night but would be getting back to Edinburgh. He paid Hill, shook his hand and mine and walked off down the long corridor alone.

Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

Ken Buchanan: battered and bruised, but he put on his hat and coat and walked off alone.

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HE CAUSES OF CORRUPTION

Short's letter which we sh today contains a denial he knew at the relevant in 1963 that Mr T. Dan had any connexion with ms; that denial is, of course, plete answer to the charge Mr Short himself should recognized that his support e Crudens contract might ociated with his acceptance payment from Mr T. Dan The letter read as a whole ps *shows something else*; ows how easily a serious d politician can come to nnected with affairs which use disquiet.

Times has not been unduly rious about the recent cases ndal or pseudo-scandal that arisen in political life. We been critical and enquiring y could a newspaper not —but we have not been as rious about Mr Wilson's iates, or Mr Short or Mr ling, or even Mr Nixon, let Herr Brandt as *The Times* probably have been at other times in the paper's y.

y not? It is not because we become insensitive to the bility of corruption, though y to keep a sense of relative s. Even knowingly corrupt cians are to be preferred to who murder their agues, or burn Chief Justices in Land Rovers. Yet uption remains a great ical evil, and even the cretion which consists in g corrupt friends has to a penalty disproportionate e moral offence committed. t in considering any indi- l case one has to recognize ve live in a period propitious rruption. In the first place ve at a time when religious s are in decline; fewer e believe in absolute *ards than at any time in* rn history; they believe er in absolute religious lards, nor in absolute nist standards. As a result children are not taught there is a real difference een right and wrong; nce, sexual licence, drug ction, major thefts and petty es like shoplifting are all on the increase—so far as statistics show—and in all countries, except probably China.

In an age of looser morality and softer disciplines, a dishonest, or less honest, people cannot expect to be governed by a political class who will alone retain the old standards of probity, let alone the old standards of appropriate company. If the Leader of the Labour Party was introduced to Mr Milhench, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party was a friend of Mr T. Dan Smith and Mr Maudling was a colleague of Mr Poulson, they were exposed to a risk from which no one can readily be immune. They met *funny people* because *there are* a lot of funny people around.

The deterioration of standards is the result also of strong social and economic influences. Whatever its virtues—real or pretended—socialism tends to be demoralizing to the individual. Socialism believes in the power of the state and in redistributive taxation. Any increase in the power of the state increases the motive to corruption, because the wealth to be *had* from the state becomes disproportionate to what the individual can win for himself. The impersonality of the state is also corrupting. Everyone who has served in the forces knows that what is everybody's property *is* nobody's property; men will cheat the state who would not cheat an individual, because they feel that no particular person will suffer.

Socialism is also a financial attack on the individual. When Mr Healey announces with relish that he will *make the rich howl* with anguish, what response does he expect? Of course the response that he gets is that he is seen as the enemy of the taxpayer, as an unjust judge in the nation's affairs, and that his *edicts will be avoided if they* possibly can be. He destroys the consent to taxation. It is inevitable that this sort of socialism will breed contempt for law; if the taxpayer sees himself as threatened by confiscatory taxation on an inflated income, and by a man who makes a boast of his personal pleasure in grinding taxation, he will fight back.

Yet the most powerful engine of corruption is inflation. Every period of inflation in human history has been corrupted, whether one thinks of the decadence of Berlin in the 1920s, or the chaos of France in the 1790s. Inflation creates fictitious hopes, and great suffering matched by enormous speculative wealth. Inflation disappoints legitimate expectation and frustrates the ordinary financial planning of the individual, while onerous debts are incurred because still higher prices are expected. This state of fear, false expectation, uncertainty and indebtedness becomes almost general; only successful speculation pays, while the qualities on which society depends, which are essentially work and thrift, are consistently defrauded. You cannot systematically defraud society by circulating bad money without systematically corrupting society as well.

In an inflation each person comes to believe that his neighbour may be profiting at his expense; different classes become embittered and hostile; trade unions fall into the hands of extremists and agitators, and the work of rational trade union administrators is constantly undermined; the middle class find themselves squeezed between rising prices and rising taxes, with only the inflation in the value of their houses to compensate for their financial difficulties.

In such circumstances men do yield to temptation; their sense of honesty is destroyed, their careers are destroyed. Others are almost equally damaged by their friends and colleagues yielding to temptation, even though they have not given way themselves. It is part of the troubles of our time, for, like inflation, corruption is world wide. Yet it is no good hoping that we can have those institutions, the socialist state, the overpowerful bureaucracy, the attack on individual savings, the attack on individual earnings, the circulation of bad money, which have always undermined the honesty of society in the past, and not have to face the corruption which has been their natural consequence throughout man's history.

DECISION FOR ITALY

w years ago it seemed clear republican Italy, like eral de Gaulle's France, had ly decided to "marry her ury". She had modernized *industry* at breakneck speed. had thrown herself with usiasm into the European munity, and conquered rt markets all over Europe alarming dynamism. Her itects, film-makers and gners were the *envy of the* d. She also boasted the d's most liberal and ghtened Communist Party, one of its most imaginative vigorous trade union move- ts. She had a Centre Left rnment of progressive p, which was beginning to le the vast backlog of social rms. Her collective mentality shaking itself free from the lage of a Catholic Church h itself was undergoing an *ornamento*. When in 1970 a rce law at last reached the ute book, the protests of olics and Christian Demo- s appeared more formal than tfelt.

dmittedly this would have n an optimistic summary. The e picture could have been ted with rather more empha- on the shadows: the widespread corruption, the intolerable slowness of reform, the growing violence of left and right-wing extremists, the poverty and depopulation of the south, the fears of a revival of fascism. Even so it would hardly have prepared us for the picture that we see today. The dynamism of industry and that of the trade union movement seem to have cancelled each other out, and today much of Italian industry is close to bankruptcy. Instead of riding the wave of European expansion, the Italians are heading the sucidal scramble towards national autarky: after being the first to break the monetary ranks they have now set a new and dangerous precedent with their unilateral import surcharges.

The architects, film-makers and designers are still there, of course, but mostly looking older and rather tired. The Communist Party appears to have lost its nerve. By offering an "historic compromise" which the Christian Democrats have treated with contempt it has succeeded only in compromising itself. The Centre Left government, patched together again last year after eighteen months of futile sparring between Socialism and Christian Democrats, has almost ceased to believe in reform and is at present reduced to awkward silence while its component parties campaign against each other on television and in the country. The Christian Democrats, the Vatican and almost the whole *Catholic* hierarchy have dedicated themselves, with surprising unanimity and with the enthusiastic support of the neo-fascists, to the repeal of the divorce law in tomorrow's referendum.

Whether the Italians want a divorce law is of course for them to decide—and it is to be hoped they will succeed in doing so lucidly in spite of the inverted form in which the question is put to them, and in spite of the deplorably misleading propaganda to which they have been subjected. But few Christians in this country, few Catholics even, would wish to impose their beliefs by law on fellow-citizens who did not share them. And few Catholics can feel very proud of the attitude of the Italian hierarchy, which opposes civil divorce while allowing expensive religious annulments on the most various and often casuistical *grounds, without* making any legal provision for wives and children thereby deprived of support.

bauching a currency

n Mr R. Palme Dutt

In his most informative letter on question of the gold standard I k Lord Boothby has confused n with Keynes. Lord Boothby- es (your issue of May 4): "Lenin said that the best and surest of destroying the capitalist ntries was to debauch their cur- ies". In his book *The Economic sequences of the Peace* published 919, J. M. Keynes wrote: "There o subtler means of overturning existing basis of society than to auch the currency". This is pos- y the citation which Lord thby has in mind. Lenin's treat- it of the issues involved in the of gold in different historical iods was far more complex and list.
rs faithfully,
ALME DUTT,
ighfield Court,
hfield Road,
11.
5.

quiry into the press

m Mr Ian Hargraves

As Managing Editor of a group redominantly weekly newspapers y I say how much I welcome the vernment's decision to try and ablish certain basic standards of aviour within the industry. It is ubtful whether a Royal Commis- n is the best way of doing this, t there is an obvious need for a mal code of editorial practice— d for the public to know what it is.

Anyone involved with newspapers st be aware of the cynicism with ich many people currently view me of the actions of some of the ess: cynicism which unfortu- tely tends to develop into blanket strust of the whole profession of rnalism. If this is to be dispelled that newspapers can enjoy the mplete trust of their readers, it is tal the latter should understand e principles by which the former erate.

The press consistently, and quite rightly, demands access to all kinds of information on the grounds of public interest. We expect to be admitted to courts of law and to meetings of councils and their committees, and we regularly proclaim our duty to publish all manner of highly personal details even though they may be embarrassing to those people concerned. Yet how efficiently and fairly do we really perform our news-gathering function, and how often do we explain what criteria are used in the selection of stories for publication?

As one who believes implicitly in the duties and responsibilities of a free press, I am sure the profession can only benefit from acceptance of a basic code of conduct, thoroughly understood by others besides ourselves.
Yours faithfully,
IAN HARGRAVES,
Managing Editor,
Southport Visiter Group of Newspapers,
26-32 Tulketh Street,
Southport,
Lancashire.
May 3.

Parliamentary drafting

From Mr Anthony Lewis

Sir, Can somebody please inform me of the necessity for the current trend in parliamentary drafting, which seems to seek to confound the public by means of tortuous cross-referenced legalese which I doubt very much if even the most capable lawyer can understand on first reading.

The recent Finance Bill provides one example and the Consumer Credit Bill is another. To quote one example from the latter, section 16 (on page 7) refers to "a land improvement company". This I later discovered is defined in section 184 (91 pages later) as "an improvement company as defined by section 7 of the Improvement of Land Act 1899".

Having been put to the bother of locating this *earlier act, I find that* an improvement company means purely and simply, a company authorised by any Act of Parliament to execute or advance money for the execution of improvements of land.

Why could this have not been said in the first place in section 16? I am quite happy to obey the letter of the law, but find it rather difficult to do so if I can't understand it. Perhaps that's what the parliamentary draftsmen intend?
Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LEWIS,
3 Peterborough Road, SW6.
May 8.

Health risks in industry

From Mr W. P. Howard

Sir, Whatever may be the legal position regarding asbestos workers' rights to know about hazards to which they are exposed, great efforts are made to explain the facts. The larger asbestos companies have produced their own leaflets or booklets on the subject, and run special courses for their employees. In addition, this committee has published a leaflet for employees, "Asbestos and Your Health".

This, or the Government leaflet "Asbestos and You", is distributed in asbestos factories, often when the factory doctor is giving an employee his pre-employment medical examination, which also provides an opportunity for the risks to be verbally explained. In addition the Environmental Control Committee of the Asbestosis Research Council is publishing a series of posters and leaflets for the employees *of the asbestos* industry's customers on safe work practices.

The asbestos industry would be the first to admit, by hindsight, that precautions in the distant past were inadequate. But advances in medical *knowledge* and sophistication of dust control techniques have made the situation in British asbestos factories today, and indeed in the recent past, one in which we take a great pride. This is an area of occupational hygiene for which we are the envy of other countries.
Yours faithfully,
W. P. HOWARD, Secretary,
The Asbestos Committee,
2 Old Burlington Street, W1.
May 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr Edward Short's reply on relationship with Mr Dan Smith

From Mr Edward Short, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, Central

Sir, I refer to your long leader in *The Times* of May 7. Stripped of its verbiage, the hard core of your accusation is to be found in the twentieth paragraph. In this you allege that I used my best endeavours on behalf of the Crudens contract on at least three separate occasions, two of them when I was acting specifically as a Member of Parliament, without disclosing that I had accepted an offer of money from a public relations firm although *I may have known that the firm, or* its principal, was acting for Crudens. This is not true.

The way in which you set out the sequence of events is designed to prove this allegation; to imply that I was paid by Mr Smith to use my influence to ensure that a contract with a firm in which he had an interest was awarded to that firm. You quote three instances in which I am supposed to have used my "best endeavours" on behalf of the Crudens contract. My letter to the Housing Minister (dated May 28, 1963, not May 31, 1963, as you state); my question in the House on June 18, 1963, and my article in the Newcastle *Evening Chronicle* dated July 5, 1963.

With regard to the question which I asked Sir Keith Joseph on June 18, 1963, a simple reading of *Hansard* Volume 679, columns 210 and 211, would confirm that in fact I *told the Minister that he might have been right in refusing loan sanction to the scheme on planning grounds*, but that I asked him to confirm that the essential difference between him and the Council on the scheme as a scheme, was one of differing judgment, and on this basis I implied that the Council knew more than the Minister—a point of view which all constituency Members would always take—and that it was urgent to rehouse 300 families.

With regard to the letter of May 28, 1963, the first point I made was the discourtesy of the Minister in making his decision public to Conservative Members of Parliament before he had informed the Corporation itself. I added that I regarded the decision itself as part of a long history of obstacles placed in the *path of the local authority in its* attempts to rebuild its slum areas.

The purpose of the article in the Newcastle *Evening Chronicle* dated July 5, 1963, was to explain the *meaning of a negotiated contract.* In connexion with the decision on the award of the contract, I added "whether they (ie, the Council) were right in their decision or not is a matter of judgment—but nothing more".

You implied that these three instances show that I attempted to obtain the contract for Crudens. They do not. At no point did I myself give any opinion on the merits of the Crudens tender. They do show that my concern was that a desperately needed housing contract, to *the best of my knowledge* properly awarded by the local authority, should be speedily implemented to provide urgently needed housing.

The rest of the evidence you quote is designed to show: that Mr Smith had an interest in Crudens: *that he used his influence with the* local authority to get the contract for Crudens: that the contract was therefore improperly awarded, and finally, that since Mr Smith's interest in Crudens was public knowledge, I must have known it. The implication is again that I was deeply concerned *in the award of an improper* contract.

To take each part of this allegation—first, at no time has anyone ever been able to produce evidence that there was any impropriety in the award of the contract to Crudens. It is certainly inconceivable that Sir *Keith Joseph would have* allowed the matter to pass without an inquiry, bearing in mind the pressure to which he was subjected by Newcastle Conservatives, if an inquiry had been warranted by the evidence available at the time.

Secondly, you state that Mr Smith was *a consultant to JKT, a public* relations firm which then received a contract from Crudens shortly before the Chairman of the Housing Committee said that "undue pressure was put on him by Mr T. Dan Smith to accept the Crudens tender". A partner in JKT told me *yesterday that Mr Smith* was never employed by their firm.

I myself did not know in 1963 that there was any connexion between Mr Smith and Crudens. What I did know was that at the Labour Group meeting in July 1963, Mr Smith denied emphatically to his colleagues that he had any interest at all in Crudens. Councillor Walter Wilson who was present confirmed this to me only this week, and added that Mr Smith threatened to sue anyone who alleged that he had such a connexion.

The detail of Mr Smith's interest in Crudens is and was obscure. You are correct in stating that Mr Smith declared an interest in Crudens at a meeting of the Housing Committee in July 1962. You are incorrect in implying that this interest existed via the firm JKT. It was, I am told, a small painting contract that Mr Smith's decorating company held from Crudens. In February 1963, as you state, Mr Smith established another interest when his firm Cladan *started work for Crudens*, an interest which he did not declare at the time.

I myself did not know of either the declared or the undeclared interest. I was naturally not present at the meeting of the Housing Committee in July 1962, and the minutes of the meeting which record the declaration were not available other than to the committee members. The fact that Mr Smith was able to deny any interest in Crudens at the July meeting of the Labour Group in 1963, a year after the declared interest, and five months after the start of the Cladan contract is surely evidence enough that Mr Smith's close Council colleagues were unaware of the position. In these circumstances it is all the more unlikely that I myself could have known of it.

In my extremely limited intervention in "the Crudens Affair" I had one motive and one motive only. It was to help my constituents. Most people who do not know the area cannot possibly imagine the conditions in which most of my constituents were living in the early 1960s. Their housing was probably the worst slums in England; rotten, stinking houses often without windows, infested by rats, damp and decaying.

The final result of the long drawn out dispute over these contracts was that the rehousing of some hundreds of them was delayed for almost two years, the ultimate contract was more *costly and* the number of housing units was reduced by 19. I make no apology at my anger over this fiasco. I should have been ashamed not to have been angry in these circumstances. I acted in perfectly good faith in the interests of my own people and I hope that I shall always do so.
Yours sincerely,
EDWARD SHORT,
House of Commons.
May 9.

Subsidies for the arts

From Mr David Rymer

Sir, Both Mr Patrick Gibson (April 30) and Lord Drogheda (May 3) have touched in correspondence recently upon the provision of greater subsidy for the arts. This prompts me to put forward some views on behalf of the regional theatres, which are faced with some unusual pressures at present.

Regional repertory theatre has traditionally relied on joint support from local government and central Government *matched with nearly* 50 per cent of takings from box office, trading and donations. Current trends towards greater community involvement in theatre has militated against the larger architectural splendour of the old houses and many such theatres are being sucked down in a vortex not of their own making.

On the one hand we are encouraged to preserve the beautiful buildings which are exceedingly expensive to run and maintain. They are needed as houses for touring opera, ballet and national companies and have great historic importance. On the other hand we must be progressive and develop new styles of more intimate drama, many of which are totally unsuited to the buildings.

Recently central Government forced a cut back in local authority spending which resulted, in my own theatre's case, in a 10 per cent cut back in their grants. Here we lost much of the leeway negotiated to develop forward looking policies. During the past two years seat prices have been heavily increased but the introduction of VAT has countered much of that benefit.

There is a strong need for a complete reappraisal of the subsidy system. While in York we have an extremely enlightened approach from the local authority in other authorities where I have experience as a board member, local government support may result in a dictation of exclusively amateur or popular policies to the theatre. The role of central Government is critical in order to encourage and control a national policy for the arts, to ensure that the development and future is not stifled by local government answerable to an electorate concerned largely with rates.

As an individual I have never subscribed to the view that the arts should be a bottomless pit for public *money. I believe that sooner or* later a number of centres of excellence receiving public money are inevitable. It may well be that public money would be better invested in a large scale subsidy of transport, thus enabling users of all communal facilities to benefit *equally from travelling to the larger* centres where they would be clustered and consistently attract capacity use. At the same time generous national subsidy must be given to preserve excellence for a limited number of major national and regional ventures. The proper role for the local authority would then be to support community involvement through arts centres and similar enterprises.

My plea, therefore, is for an immediate imaginative increase in general national subsidy to allow more realistic and visionary artistic policies. At the same time I urge consideration of a new policy for the dispersal of the subsidy working out the respective responsibilities of central Government and the local authorities.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID RYMER,
Chairman,
York Theatre Royal,
St Leonard's Place,
York.
May 6.

BBC documentary on the General Strike

From Mr Paul Rotha

Sir, Implication is a dangerous quality of the visual film image especially in juxtaposition with other visual images and overlaid with the spoken word. Anyone with experience of film editing knows that almost any meaning can be given to visual images by associated spoken words. A famous example was a prewar cameraman's lucky and spectacular shot of a factory *chimney*-stack being severed by a shell: the same shot appeared first in a newsreel of the Spanish Civil War, only to reappear some years later in a newsreel of the Soviet invasion of Finland!

While I readily accept Mrs Elizabeth Sussex's (May 2) scrupulous honesty in finding archive film material relevant to the General Strike in 1926—so far as I know she did not actually *edit* this compilation BBC film; she only found its archive footage—I appreciate that she is generous to accept blame if blame there is. I maintain that the implication given to the audience by the film was that the shots in question were of unemployed miners at the time of the General Strike and not of the tragic later years. If they had been used in a film about unemployment in Britain in the twenties and thirties, as they were originally used, well and good; but their use in a film specifically dealing with the General Strike in 1926 seems unwise, remarkable as were Mr Donald Alexander's memorable slagheap shots, not Mr Ralph Bond's as Mrs Sussex *suggests*.

If your correspondence, Sir, has done something to alert the conscience of those producing *historical* compilation films for television, we all, the public, historians, archive curators and film-makers, will be glad of its publication.
Yours, etc,
PAUL ROTHA,
140 Narbeth Drive,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
May 2.

Future Tory policy

From Mr Simon Wingfield Digby

Sir, My ex-colleague Angus Maude, in his letter to you (May 7), does well to point out that controversial Socialist laws should not all be accepted by Conservatives as irreversible. While it is far from the true role of Tory democracy to fight a kind of rearguard action against inevitable change, not all change is "national continuity" as history shows only too clearly.

Furthermore I believe it is mistaken to retreat from the basic Tory point of view which has continued to have such a great appeal to people of moderate views in this country.

In his famous dictum, Churchill's recipe was "in defeat, defiance not cordiality". A little defiance is not a bad thing if you really feel strongly about Conservatism. The *idea* that it is easy for a party leader to choose the most advantageous moment for *a general election* was disproved by Mr Wilson in 1970 and Mr Heath in 1974. Consequently to retreat from principle to manoeuvre for election advantage must be damaging to any party in the long run.

In discussions on future policy, which are certainly urgent, there is danger in a frenzied search for absolute solutions. In the present climate of British democracy and perhaps of all western democracy, it may be that an absolute solution is impossible to achieve and that we must be content with some compromise. I think it was Bismarck who said *die Politik ist keine genaue Wissenshaft* (politics is not an exact science). I doubt if even modern technology can make it so.
Yours faithfully,
SIMON WINGFIELD DIGBY,
Conservative MP for West Dorset 1941-74,
Haydon Gate,
Sherborne,
Dorset.

Cup final hymn

From Mr Michael Hinde

Sir, The recent Two Choirs Festival held at Wembley Stadium pinpointed the absurdity of one so-called "traditional" item on their programme. It was patently obvious that the choirs were not interested in singing *Abide with me* and, despite the efforts of their distinguished (and good-tempered) conductor, preferred their own folk music.

Is it not time to abandon this *particular* "tradition" which commands little or no respect and sadly depreciates the message of a Christian prayer?
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MICHAEL HINDE,
Shoulders,
Hundred Acre Lane,
Westmeston, Hassocks,
Sussex.
May 5.

Mobility of teachers

From Mr T. A. Bryan

Sir, Your Education Correspondent, in discussing teacher mobility (May 2), expresses surprise at the high teacher mobility shown to exist in this county. A little more research would have shown that this is not a *recent manifestation and* unfortunately, is one which is likely to increase. The real evil is the comparative under-payment of teachers over the years. In general the schools of this county are well planned and modern, lavishly equipped and contain pleasant children in comparatively small classes, but despite this seeming paradisal state of affairs I, and my colleagues, suffer from increasing staff shortages and would not be able to manage without the help of married women who happen to live locally.

Over five years ago, when I was appointed to this post, the application form contained a warning that no one living outside the district would be able to move in, and this was before the rapid rise in house values. In this delectable suburb *there is* very little housing available under £25,000 and a man on £2,500 a year (or even a Head at £5,000) stands no chance of house purchase. Not only is the present staffing in peril, but the effect on promotion and the appointment of the next generation of heads ought to be considered.

The granting of an improved London allowance will probably make matters even worse, for five miles away my colleagues will be getting far more money, cheaper housing and cheaper shopping, leaving the outer suburbs to suffer once more. The only remedies seem to be an all-round increase in teachers pay, an extra London allowance or the payment of allowances as suggested by your leading article on the basis of residence rather than work.
Yours faithfully,
T. A. BRYAN, Headmaster,
The Combined School,
Moreland Drive,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Railway electrification

From Dr C. A. G. Webster

Sir, Over 50 years ago Sir Vincent Raven, then the Chief Mechanical Engineer of the North Eastern Railway, planned to electrify the main *line between* York and Newcastle, going so far as to build a prototype express passenger locomotive. These plans were abandoned on the formation of the LNER. One wonders if a further 50 years is to go by before the scheme is implemented.
Yours sincerely,
C. A. G. WEBSTER, Head, Department of Computer Science,
Teesside Polytechnic,
Middlesbrough, Teesside.
May 6.

Role of the Navy in peace

From Mr M. B. F. Ranken

Sir, in these days of accelerating retrenchment in our defence commitments it is indeed heartening to read today (May 6) that the Royal Navy's hydrographic survey vessels are extending their centuries-old support of marine scientific research into sectors of knowledge vital to this country's potential self-sufficiency in energy resources.

But the fighting fleet itself, together with its many unique shore establishments, is the repository of *much else in marine science*, technology, engineering and above all seamanship (and airmanship) of the greatest value to the development of the many new peaceful activities in the sea, oil and gas, sand and gravel, deep diving, recreation and the rest. These and revolutionary changes in maritime transport and world fisheries also bring with them many new commitments which other branches of government are increasingly ill-equipped to fulfil.

Surely the time is now ripe for these priceless national assets to be redeployed as national facilities for the benefit both of peaceful activities and defence preparedness. If at the same time new roles emerge for the fleet at sea in closer support of the civil power, this can only be to the benefit of the navy itself and of the country as a whole.

A corollary of this should of course be that more convenient procedures are devised whereby payment can be made for the facilities provided on a straight-forward commercial basis, now entrenched as the "Rothschild Principle".

Such payments received should help to offset the drastic cuts expected to follow the re-appraisal now in hand of our worldwide defence commitments. Substantial cuts or the closure of any major establishment could well prove irreversible, since expert teams of scientists and engineers once disbanded *cannot readily be reconstituted* and much past experience is inevitably lost.
Yours faithfully,
M. B. F. RANKEN,
3 Redlynch Court,
70 Addison Road, W14.
May 6.

Hydrographic survey

From Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving

Sir, I should be grateful if you would allow me a few words in *amplification* of the Hydrographer of the Navy's welcome letter (*The Times*, May 6) which discloses the Royal Navy's plans to undertake a comprehensive geophysical survey of the United Kingdom continental shelf.

There are however, two further points, mentioned in my letter of January 15, which call for urgent action. As I understand, the geophysical survey will be drawn with a fairly broad brush which will be of limited value for hydrographic purposes, and no mention is made of oceanographic research.

There are equally pressing reasons for a thorough hydrographic resurvey of our waters to improve the charts which are largely dependent on lead-line surveys of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Nor is a great deal really known of the *physical properties of these waters* despite the good work of our modern scientists.

To have to return to distant waters later on in order to fill in the close bathymetry and to obtain further material for the Oceanographer is costly and relatively wasteful in effort—and the delay will, of course, affect the eventual revision and publication of Admiralty charts.

Unless the Hydrographer is able to expand his resources (as I have advocated) in order to cope with these increasing tasks, then I propose that the hydrographic and oceanographic surveys are put out to contract under his supervision. Then, and only then, will the Hydrographer's work be shown to support both the national economy and seaborne trade.
Yours faithfully,
E. G. IRVING,
Camer Green,
Meopham, Kent
May 9.

Stranded in Portugal

From Julian Tennant

Sir, Having at last returned from the south of Portugal with six children and two other adults at considerable cost, one can but say how sad one is at the lack of support given to British subjects by Britain today.

Last week in the south of Portugal were a number of British people, many with children, who had run out of money and accommodation. Despite many attempts I failed to contact either the British Consul, or the Vice-Consul, in the Algarve.

I did succeed in talking on the telephone to the British Ambassador in Lisbon; he assured me that he really was quite disturbed by the predicament that many people must be in, but was, in fact, as helpful as a dose of salts to a man dying from dysentery.

Had Her Majesty's Government sent out two or three aeroplanes to Faro airport, an easy enough thing to do, to pick up the stranded British subjects, there would have been no opposition. British people would have been greatly assisted and it might also have helped, in a small way, to destroy the feeling one senses too frequently when abroad that as Great Britain is now of no consequence it doesn't matter how the British are treated.
Yours faithfully,
JULIAN TENNANT,
Moat House,
Great Easton,
Dunmow, Essex.
April 30.

For distressed taxpayers

From Mr D. F. Hellings

Sir, It was with mixed feelings that I received this morning a familiar buff envelope from the Inland Revenue at Worthing with the envelope franked "Distress—Despair! Ring the Samaritans!"
Yours faithfully,
D. F. HELLINGS,
Fulmer Common House,
Fulmer,
Buckinghamshire.
May 9.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 10: The Duchess of Gloucester, on behalf of the Duke, President of the Royal Humane Society, was present at the Society's 200th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, held in St Paul's Cathedral, today.

The Hon Jane Walsh was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

May 10: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this afternoon visited Dundee Harbour on the occasion of the renaming of the reconstructed Eastern Wharf.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon Lady Rowley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will attend the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust reunion and present medallions to the fellows of 1973 at the Festival Hall on May 17.

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, will be present at an evening preview of the International Antiques Fair at Earls Court on June 7 in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child. There will be an auction of antiques conducted by Mr Peter Wilson, chairman of Sotheby's.

A memorial service for Mr Jim Conway, former General Secretary of the AUEW, will be held at St Margaret's church, Westminster, London, SW1, on Thursday, May 16, at noon.

Life peerages

The life baronies conferred on Sir Robert Turton and Sir Tufton Beamish have been gazetted by the names, styles and titles of Baron Tranmire, of Upsall in the county of North Yorkshire, and Baron Chelwood, of Lewes in the county of East Sussex.

Birthdays today

Sir John Compton Miller, 74; Sir Percy Faulkner, 67; Sir Albert Kennedy, 68; Sir Norman Kipping, 73; Professor W. N. Medlicott, 74; Miss Carola Oman, 77; Sir Norman Touche, 86; Hon Montague Woodhouse, MP, 57.

TOMORROW: Mr Lennox Berkeley, 71; Sir George Dunnett, 67; Sir Harold Grime, 78; Lord Hinton of Bankside, 73; Dr Dorothy Hodgkin, 64; Mr H. V. Hodson, 68; Mr Wilfrid Hyde White, 71; Professor N. Kaldor, 66; Sir David Lowe, 75; Sir Francis Meynell, 83; Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, 72; Sir Robert Stanley, 75; Sir Charles Trinder, 68.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr C. J. Burgess
and Miss A. Evelyn**

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Burgess, of Lower Stondon, Bedfordshire, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Evelyn, of Kingston, Jamaica.

**Mr W. A. John
and Miss J. P. Beckman**

The engagement is announced between Bill, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. John, of Glastonbury, Somerset, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Aubrey Beckman, of Heath Drive, Hampstead.

**Mr S. Muhtar Göcüm
and Miss H. BayKay**

The engagement is announced between Selcuk, younger son of the late Mehmed Mutar Bey and Mrs Joan Hermione Muhtar, of Tanri Verdi, Adana, Turkey, and Huiya, younger daughter of Bay Rauf and Bayan Sukran BayKay, of Kiziltoprak, Istanbul.

**Mr C. C. F. Nettleton
and Miss D. M. Spencer**

The engagement is announced between Christopher Charles Frederick, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Nettleton, of Great Ouseburn, York, and Diana Mary, only daughter of Mr O. A. Spencer, CMG, PMN, and of Mrs Spencer, of Addis Ababa and Gatehurst, Pett, Sussex. The marriage will take place in July.

**Mr C. M. Shann
and Miss R. C. R. Beckett**

The marriage will take place of Charles Macedon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Athol G. Shann, Townsville, Australia, and Rosemary Caroline Rowan, only daughter of the late Captain W. N. T. Beckett, MVO, DSC, Royal Navy, and the late Mrs Napier Beckett, of Sydney, Australia.

**Mr W. P. Shepherd
and Miss A. M. Wells**

The engagement is announced between William, second son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Shepherd, of Heswall, Cheshire, and Annetta, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. H. H. Wells, of Bampton, Oxford, and Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor R. Cramp and Professor A. C. Renfrew to be new members of the reconstituted Ancient Monuments Board for England.

Mr J. W. Rooker, MP, to be parliamentary private secretary to the Solicitor General, Mr P. K. Archer, QC.

Sir John Kendrew, FRS, to be a member of the board of trustees of the British Museum for five years, representing the Royal Society.

The appointment of Mr A. K. Pallot as secretary of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and director-general, succeeding Mr W. J. Chalmers, is to take effect from April 1, 1975.

The Duke of Kent, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will review the In-Pensioners at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Founder's Day, June 6.

The dangerous gulf between pulpit and pew

By the Rt Rev R. P. C. Hanson
Professor of Theology
University of Manchester

Revolutions do not always erupt like volcanoes. Sometimes they grow like trees. The revolution in examining the records of the past which we call the discipline of historical study has been active steadily for the last 200 years, and has had quite as far-reaching an effect on the study of the Bible as on any other part of historical study; indeed it began with the study of the Bible. It was the theologians who fostered the historical revolution.

But this revolution has had amazingly little effect upon the people in this country who use the Bible more than anybody else—the clergy and the faithful of all denominations. True, Adam and Noah are now usually relegated to legend. But most people still think of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph as if they were historical characters about whom the Bible has woven a kind of Coronation Street family saga, even though historical scholarship gives no serious support to this view.

The matter is worse when we come to the New Testament, because a revolution in the treatment of the New Testament affects Christianity more deeply than anything else. At Christmas in the columns of this paper Enoch Powell and others conducted a correspondence about the description of the inn and manger at Bethlehem in St Luke's Gospel. Various views were expressed, but no correspondent seemed to realize what people trained in New Testament scholarship now almost take for granted, that this story is a legend of uncertain origin whose details cannot be pressed. Indeed clergy of all denominations at Christmas appear to vie with each other in surrounding the birth of our Lord with a fairy-tale atmosphere, encouraged by the stories of the Wise Men, the Star and the Shepherds. It all fits in beautifully with the Christmas tree. But is this the best way to persuade people to take Christianity seriously—or the worst?

More serious still is the conventional treatment of St John's Gospel. This is a litmus-paper test for preachers and expositors. If you can convince yourself that Jesus really did go round Galilee and Jerusalem saying such things as "I am the Resurrection and the Life", "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" and "I and the Father are one", then of course you can preserve a conventional view of Christianity. But if, following the current of modern scholarship, you come to the conclusion that this is incredible, what is to be said in the pulpit, what is to be taught to the faithful?

The vast majority of preachers and teachers find it simpler not to face this question, not to question the conventional view. To commit oneself to the conclusion that the Fourth Gospel is not, generally speaking, a record of the words and deeds of Jesus of Nazareth, but a profound and invaluable interpretation of his significance written about the end of the first century AD, is indeed to call for a drastic re-examination of traditional Christian doctrine.

Drastic re-examinations are not usually popular with the clergy or the faithful of any denomination. But unless we are content that the gulf between the experts and theologians on the one hand, and the people in pew and pulpit on the other—already dangerously wide—is to become wider and wider, such a re-examination is forced upon us. This is not a question of abandoning orthodoxy. Orthodoxy can never be defended by a blind adherence to conservative views anyway. It is a matter of re-interpreting and reassessing the Christian faith in the light of contemporary understanding of the Bible, and especially of the New Testament.

This cannot be left to the theologians alone. Christianity is too important to be left just to them. But theologians today are communicating with each other and drawing together across denominational barriers in a remarkable way, and the clergy and the faithful ignore them only at their peril. The abyss which yawns today between the experts on the one hand and the faithful on the other is dangerous, and not enough efforts are being made to bridge it.

Today's engagements

- Princess Anne attends the commissioning ceremony of HMS Amazon, Southampton docks, 10.25.
- Exhibition: Wedding dresses, the development of the white wedding dress during the past 200 years, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, E, 10-6.
- The working of the National Gallery, 150th anniversary exhibition, National Gallery, 10-6.
- Morris dancing by the Morris clubs of London, Sanctuary, Westminster Abbey, 2.30-3.
- London walk: Great writers and artists—Hampstead, meet Hampstead Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

- Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Tapestry Court, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30-6.
- Exhibition: The Maya, their art and culture, Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, 2.30-6.
- British Library, department of manuscripts: exhibition of Tudor and Stuart alphabets and writing books, British Museum, 2.30-6.
- Band performance by The Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Regents Park, 6.30-8.

Royal Humane Society

The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a thanksgiving service held in St Paul's yesterday to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Humane Society. The Lord Mayor locum tenens, Sir Gilbert Inglefield, with Lady Inglefield and Commander Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs P. Gillett also attended. Others present included:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs McCombs, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, the Hon C. L. and Mrs Baillieu, Sir Richard and Lady Jenks, Major-General Sir John Winterton, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Compston, General Sir Richard Ward, Mr and Mrs R. T. Hawes, Captain M. Hodges, Mr P. Dixey, Mr W. R. Cumming, Major-General R. R. Gordon, Mr D. Campbell, Mr G. A. Loveday, Mr H. J. F. Hunt and Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. C. Charlton.

Interest in modern British paintings sets auction records for 11 artists

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The sale of modern British paintings at Christie's yesterday set auction record prices for 11 artists. The intense interest and associated price spiral in this field is shown by the fact that the previous top prices had all been established within the last year.

After the impressive exhibition of his work at the Hayward Gallery a small painting by Lucian Freud, "Portrait of Billy", made an astonishing £16,800. The intimate study of the boy's head measures only 8¾in by 6¼in and dates from 1952, about the same time as the small portrait of Francis Bacon, one of the most arresting exhibits at the Hayward.

The most interesting items in the sale were paintings from the collection of Edward Le Bas, a notable painter as well as a sensitive collector of twentieth-century French and English paintings. The Camden Town School was particularly well represented, with an outstanding work by Harold Gilman, "Girl with a teacup". The neatly coated and hatted girl sits moodily beside a table with her empty teacup. The painting dates from 1915 and fetched a record £18,900 (Agnew).

Le Bas had several fine paintings by Charles Ginner. His 1916 painting of a military hospital ward, fresh with matching bedspreads and flowers, "Roberts 8, East Leeds", made £8,610 (Leger). There were two carefully painted landscapes, "Annalong, co Down", at £5,880 (Burrows), and "Rye Harbour" at £4,830 (Leger). A churchyard proved a less popular subject with "Shipley Church, Sussex" at £1,260 (Leger).

"Portrait of Billy" by Lucian Freud, which fetched a record £16,800 at Christie's yesterday.

The Le Bas collection also included a "Reclining nude" of around 1931-32 by Matthew Smith at a record £6,300 (Waddington), a beautiful interior by his contemporary, Dame Ethel Walker, "Woman by a fireplace", at a record £1,102 (Burrows) "Poppies" a flower piece by Ivon Hitchens at a record £4,620 (Roland, Browse and Delbanco), and a preparatory drawing by Robert Bevan for his painting "Swiss Cottage", at £2,100 (Baskett and Day), a record for a Bevan drawing. "Betrayal", by Sir Stanley Spencer, brought £8,400 (A. Tooth) and a small Jack Yeats, "No man's dust", made £5,040 (Leger).

Other auction records included £3,360 (Marlborough Fine Art) for a Hepworth sculpture, "Three squares and circles", of 1966, £2,205 for "King Solomon", by John Armstrong, £1,785 for a "Still life", by the Scottish colourist, Francis Cadell, £2,415 for "Old Battersea Bridge", by Walter Greaves, and £5,775 for "Elephants", by the South African elephant specialist, David Shepherd. The sale totalled £215,644.

Sotheby's held its big spring jewel sale in Zurich on Thursday, netting a total of £1,880,956. A diamond brooch in the form of a five-looped bow by Boucheron sold for £121,430, an emerald ring with a stone weighing 16.32 carats for £100,000 (Bellarte), an 8.67 carat emerald mounted between two baguette diamonds as a ring for £78,570 and an emerald-cut diamond weighing 29.72 carats mounted as a ring at the same price.

A furniture sale at Sotheby's in London yesterday totalled £30,037 with a mid-eighteenth-century Dutch walnut bureau at £1,900 (Noble Antiques).

OBITUARY

Mr L. T. C. ROLT

Transport historian

Mr L. T. C. Rolt, the transport historian, who died on Thursday at the age of 64, won a high reputation for his books on waterways, railways, motoring and topography and for his clutch of imaginative biographies of famous engineers, including Watt, Newcomen, Telford, Brunel and George and Robert Stephenson.

He was fortunate in his time for his excursions into industrial archaeology both coincided with and helped to create a growing public appetite for the subject.

Rolt was a popularizer in the best sense of the word and all that he wrote reflected his love of good engineering, the English language and the English countryside.

The son of Lionel Caswall Rolt, he was born in Chester on February 11, 1910, and educated at Cheltenham College. His youth and early manhood he described in a delightful volume of autobiography called *Landscape with Machines* which was published in 1971. An early passion for things mechanical was sublimated in an engineering apprenticeship wide in scope which brought him face to face with large locomotives being built for export; milk separators for English farms; early diesel lorries; the distinguished and lamented Sentinel steam wagons and the Fowler ploughing engine.

Unless one has seen a ploughing engine at work it is hard to imagine the beauty and majesty of the thing; Rolt not only drove one but had the literary ability to describe the experience.

In the 1930s with a partner h was "involved" in selling a maintaining vintage cars a shortly before the Second W War he acquired the nar boat Cressy and voyaged much of the canal system of Midlands. It was this exper ence which he described richly in *Narrow Boat* (194

This was the pathfinder f the whole postwar revival interest in canals for pleasu purposes. He joined Robe Aickman and Charles Hadfiel in founding the Inland Wat ways Association in 1945 a was its first secretary. He pu lished two other classics of waterways, *Green and Silver* 1949 about cruising in Irela and *The Inland Waterways England* in 1950.

Already involved in the wo of vintage cars his interests n moved to narrow gauge railw restoration with the Taly Railway Preservation Soci He wrote an account of the ra way's reopening in *Railw Adventure* and was gener manager of the line during a after its restoration. In later li his principal interests were i dustrial archaeology and t history of engineering—he wa for instance, the general edit of Longman's industrial archa ology series and also the strugg for authors' public lendi right.

He was vice-president of t Newcomen Society, a memb of the Science Museum Adviso Council and of the York Ra way Museum Committee; honorary MA of Newcastle a an honorary MSc of Bath.

SIR DONALD FINNEMORE

Sir Donald Finnemore, a Judge of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) from 1948 to 1964, died yesterday. He was 84.

In June 1953 at the Central Criminal Court he sentenced to death John Reginald Halliday Christie after he had been found guilty of the murder of his wife Ethel at their home, 10 Rillington Place, Notting Hill, NW.

Although he was tried and convicted on one murder charge only, in his statements and evidence Christie said that since 1943 he had killed not only his wife but six other women. He was hanged.

Donald Leslie Finnemore was born on June 13, 1889. He was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Pembroke College, Oxford, of which he was a Scholar and where he graduated in 1912 with a first class in Jurisprudence. He was called to the Bar in 1914 by t Inner Temple, winning the Pri for Constitutional Law and Leg History. In the war of 1914, aft being rejected for military se vice, he served in France a B.R.C.S. Officer.

He was for some years county court judge in the Mid lands and during the Secon World War and after was chai man of the Midland Conscie tious Objectors Tribunal.

He had been a member of th Matrimonial (Trial in Provi ces) Committee and of th Criminal Law Revision Comm tee. He was appointed a Judg of the Probate, Divorce a Admiralty Division of the Hig Court in 1947 and a year late was transferred to the Queen Bench. He was an honora Fellow of Pembroke College a a former president of the Ba tist Union of Great Britain.

He was unmarried.

MR DAVID CARVER

Mr David Carver, OBE, who died in London yesterday at the age of 70, was responsible, as general secretary of International PEN for the last 23 years for its great growth, particularly in the international field. He organized conferences in every continent, including two in Asia at which writers from nearly 50 countries met, exchanged views and argued. He suggested the formation of PEN Writers in Prison Committee which by making representations to governments of every political shade has been responsible for the release of several writers in prison for expressing their opinions.

During his secretaryship some of the world's most famous writers served as international presidents, the present one being Heinrich Böll, the Nobel prizewinner. David Dove Carver was born in London in 1903 and before the Second World War pursued a career as a singer touring the United States and elsewhere as the baritone of a male voice quintet. He served in the RAFVR during the war and was ADC to the Duke of Windsor in the Bahamas for two years.

It was there that he met and married Lady Boles, the widow of Sir Gerald Boles, who survives him. For his service to English letters he was appointed an OBE in 1967, and made an honorary Doctor of Literature by Seoul University in 1970 for his work in bringing Asian and European writers together.

ROSE ETHEL BASSIN

Mr D. E. Bowman writes:

Rose Ethel Bassin died on April 29 at the good age of 85, having lived a rich life devoted to folksong, the piano, Gaelic studies, and friendship.

Born in Edinburgh in 1889 and educated at a variety of places, she first taught music in schools in England and Scotland, including Liverpool, Newton Stewart, Stornoway and the Isle of Skye. Between 1927 and 1934 she taught singing and did freelance work in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she organized Gaelic festivals. From 1935 to 1939 she intensified her study of Gaelic, and between 1939 and 1949 taught music in the outer Islands of the County of Inverness, also organizing the Ross and Cromarty Music Festival. Though she retired in 1949 from school service, she was taking private pupils right to the end.

She published articles on Frances Tolmie and Marjorie Kennedy-Fraser in learned periodicals, contributed to *Punch*, and acted as local ISM secretary, always encouraging others as well as making music herself—a true amateur. From an early age she had physical disability to contend with, but this served only to strengthen her spirit. Small of stature, she was large-hearted and live-minded. For years she had been working at a book on Frances Tolmie of Skye, the Gaelic folk-song expert, her circle and her songs, and was able to complete it shortly before she died.

Ethel loved her work and the very many people, young and old, with whom she conversed or shared music, and had the gift of enlivening whatever she touched. She was not just a teacher, rather a friend.

DR WALTER JOFF

Dr Walter Joffe, president the British Psycho-Analytic Society, and consultant psych therapist to the Academ Department of Psychiatry at th Middlesex Hospital Medic School—almost universal known as "Wally"—died su denly on Thursday. He was 52.

Born in a South African v lage he obtained a degree medicine at Witwatersrand, a came to this country in 19 specifically to train in psych analysis. He became an associa member of the British Psych Analytical Society in 1954 and full member in 1956, whereupo he returned to South Africa f five years largely for famil reasons. But he made his tim there extremely fruitful by hi work as a consultant ps chiatrist, psychoanalyst a educator.

After his return to England 1961 his rise was meteoric. H became senior lecturer and lat consultant psychotherapist the Middlesex, and finally pres dent of the Psycho-Analytic Society in 1972, after disti guishing himself in vario offices by his efficiency as a organizer as well as by hi clinical ability. He was inde greatly sought after as a clini teacher and supervisor for h combination of quick shrew ness, the balance of his vie based on wide experience, a his friendliness.

His scientific writings, ofte in collaboration, were large concerned with the gene psychological basis of psych analytic theory and particular with the relationship of pa depression and early affecti states.

He leaves a widow, herself child psychotherapist, a daug ter and two sons.

BRIG H. H. BATEMAN

Colonel B. S. T. Archer, G writes:

Your obituary on Brigad H. H. Bateman did him less th justice; it failed to mention t he was Director of Bo Disposal from early in the w (1940 or so) until 1945. He w responsible for the developme of all the technical equipme used by our Bomb Disposal Un and for their "Bible" the B. Manual. This was a considera task as most of the fuses in G man delayed action bombs we designed with booby traps various types.

Brigadier Bateman was a gre enthusiast and despite t research and developme problems which must have bes him in those difficult times succeeded in providing Bo Disposal Units with the means dealing with everything the Ge mans had, up to the end of t war, succeeded in dropping us.

Viscountess Templetown, w of Viscount Templetown, h died. She was Alleyne, daught of H. L. Conran, RN, and she w married in 1916.

Lieutenant-Commander Jo Francis Bowyer, CB, who h died at the age of 81 was form erly Chief Registrar of the Hi Court in Bankruptcy and Cle of the Restrictive Practic Court.

Mr Robert Cutler, Speci Assistant for National Securi Affairs to President Eisenhow died on Wednesday, at Conco Massachusetts. He was 78.

Science report

Botany: Plea for lilies of the field

The lily in its varied glory has long had a special place in human affections. But how much longer wild lilies will remain so will largely depend on whether they are sufficiently protected by law. In a recent issue of *Biological Conservation*, Dr F. S. C. Stoop van de Kasteele, of the Nature Conservation Department, Wageningen, pleads for a proper inventory of the known wild species of lily and for more and better conservation of these plants. He argues that, in addition to their educational, scientific and aesthetic value, wild lilies provide an important genetic resource for selection and breeding of cultivated strains.

Dr Stoop van de Kasteele reckons there are 80 to 90 wild species and some 100 varieties of the genus *Lilium* which vary in the shape and colour of the flower: some are like a funnel, others resemble a trumpet, a Turk's cap, an open cup or bell. They range from purest white to yellow, orange, red and black-brown and they may be either "pure" or spotted, dotted or striped. Some are quite small, whereas others may be two metres high.

Lilies occur wild only in the northern hemisphere and even there they are limited, with a few exceptions, to temperate regions in such diverse habitats as the slopes of volcanoes, mountain chasms and swamps. Perhaps unfortunately for science, but fortunately for conservation, some habitats are so inaccessible that new species are still coming to light. One of the most important garden lilies, the regal lily, *L regale*, was found in China as recently as 1903, and at least seven have been discovered in central Asia during the past 20 years.

Lilies have never been common in the maritime European countries and those few that remain today are probably secondarily wild—they have escaped from gardens. Fortunately there seems to be some protection for the wild lilies of central and southern Europe. The orange lily, *L bulbiferum*, and the Turk's-cap or Martagon lily, *L martagon*, are protected in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Austria, East and West Germany, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia; and the Pyrenean lily, *L pyrenaicum*, is covered by the wild flower laws of Spain. In Greece, however, there seems to be little or no protection for the wild Madonna lily, *L candidum*, scarlet Turk's-cap lily, *L chalcedonicum* and *L heldreichiiare*, which are limited to Greece. Breeders seem to be still free to collect those species locally.

In Italy it is thought that a few wild plants of *L bulbiferum* may remain, but they are unprotected. In France the minor Turk's-cap lily, *L pomponium*, which grows only in a certain area of the Alps, *L bulbiferum*, *L martagon* and *L pyrenaicum* are at the mercy of collectors and tourists. Nine species grow in the Caucasus: those growing in Soviet territory are protected, but not, it seems, those in Turkey.

Farther east, in eastern Asia, there is safety in numbers, with more varieties than anywhere else in the world. There is apparently no protection for most of them, unless they remain in the grounds of monasteries and other holy places and, of course, the inaccessibility of many is a safeguard. Thousands of lilies are gathered each year in Japan for export, but there at least there is now a law, passed in 1967, to protect the rare species, *L alexandreae* and *L nobilissimum*.

Cultivation of a few lilies, such as *L candidum* in Europe and *L brownii* and the tiger lily, *L tigrinum*, in Asia, has had a long history, but until fairly recently growing of other species was regarded as tricky. Crossing the species proved particularly difficult until after the Second World War, when many hybrids became commercially available through the introduction of modern techniques of breeding and crossing.

Of the 190 or so recognized wild species and varieties of lily, only 52 had been successfully used in crosses by 1962. As recently as 1965 good commercial hybrids were created in the United States with the rare *L pitkinense*, which grows in only one place in California. This cross is just one of many more that might be achieved, and it is for this and other reasons that Dr Stoop van de Kasteele urges more effective conservation of the natural species, with their varied characteristics and resistance to disease. It is also possible, of course, that new species may come to light in central Asia and other little-explored areas.

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Funeral

Miss F. H. E. Hasell

The funeral of Miss Eva Hasell took place on Friday, May 10, at St Andrew's church, Dacre. The Rev Kenneth Smith, Vicar of Dacre, officiated and the lesson was read by the Bishop of Carlisle. Bishop Crump, representing the Primate of Canada, gave an address and Bishop Bloomer pronounced the blessing. The High Commissioner for Canada was represented by Mr McEachern and members of the family present included:

Mrs Hasell, Mr and Mrs Verey, Mrs Guy Stanton, Mr and Mrs Michael Verey, Mr and Mrs Bryce McCosh, Colonel and Mrs Washington, Miss Stanton, Mr Edward McCosh and Mr Robert McCosh.

Memorial service

Hon Mrs L-L B. de Beaumont

A memorial service for the Hon Mrs L-L B. de Beaumont was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton. The Rev C. Morris officiated, assisted by the Rev Adam Duff. The Most Rev George Appleton (chairman, World Congress of Faith) gave an address. Among those present were:

The Hon Mrs Richard Coke and Miss Marguerite de Beaumont (daughters), Mrs P. de Beaumont (daughter-in-law), Mr Robin de Beaumont, Mr Henry Coke, Mrs C. Harms, Mr and Mrs Richard Spickernell and Mr and Mrs Richard Peel (grandchildren), Miss Lys de Beaumont, Miss Hera Harms and Jane Harms (great grandchildren), Lady Mary Strachey, Lord O'Hagan, Mrs Henry Towneley-O'Hagan, Mr and Mrs Pedriac Towneley-O'Hagan, Sir William Teeling, Lady Norman; Mrs P. Baden-Powell (representing the Chief Guide and Girl Guide Association), Mrs M. A. Glen Haig (president, Amateur Fencing Association) and Dr John Newson (Teilhard de Chardin).

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Pound, Mrs Dorothy, of Cambridge, widow of the poet Ezra Pound (duty paid, £27,375) .. £43,067

Roxburgh, Sir Thomas James Young, of West Ealing, former puisne judge in the High Court of Calcutta (no duty shown) £21,574

Fairfax-Lucy, Major Sir Brian Fulke Ramsey, of Fossebridge, Gloucestershire, author of children's stories (duty paid, £16,242) £94,215

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Lancaster House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from New Zealand. Among the guests were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs McCombs, Sir Godfrey Agnew, Clerk of the Privy Council, and Lady Agnew, Mr W. J. Molloy, MP, and Mrs Molloy and Mr Walter Harrison, MP.

Army Board

The Army Board gave a luncheon yesterday at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in honour of General Melvin Zais, this year's Kermit Roosevelt lecturer.

Junior Carlton Club

The political council of the Junior Carlton Club entertained Mr Richard Marsh, chairman, British Rail, at luncheon yesterday. He was received by Mr Bryan Cassidy, chairman of the council, and Mr John Corbett, chairman of the club.

Dinners

London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association

The London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association held their annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night. Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr A. E. Cox, Mr B. A. Perkoff, president of the association, and Mr Peter Goldstone were the speakers.

International Law Association

On the occasion of the Spring meeting of the executive council of the International Law Association a dinner was held yesterday evening at the Cock Inn. Lord Wilberforce, chairman of the council, presided and among those present was the president of the association, Professor C. J. Olmstead, of New York.

British Philippine Society

The annual dinner and ball of the British Philippine Society was held at Quaglino's banqueting rooms last night. The Philippine Ambassador presided and the other speakers were: Mr A. J. Hall, chairman of the society, and the Hon James Ogilvy.

Service Dinners

4th British Division

The annual dinner of the 1939/45 Dinner Club, 4th British Division, was held last night at the Connaught Rooms. Lieutenant-General Sir Colin Callander was in the chair and among those present were:

General Sir Roderick McLeod, Major-General D. G. Johnson, VC, Major-General A. E. Brocklehurst, Major-General P. F. Palmer and Major-General G. A. White.

22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

A regimental dinner for past and present officers of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment was held at the United Service and Royal Aero Club last night. The Colonel of the regiment, Major-General P. L. de C. Martin, presided.

RAF Dental Branch

The annual dinner of the RAF Dental Branch was held at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, last night. Air Vice-Marshal D. F. G. MacLeod presided and Wing Commander L. W. J. Anderson and Sir Terence Ward also spoke.

Supper

Association of Dunkirk Little Ships

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships held their fitting-out supper last night at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge. Mr John Knight, commodore of the association, was in the chair and other speakers were Rear-Admiral M. Morgan-Giles, MP, Captain Nigel Dixon, RN, director, RNLI, Mr N. A. Bonham-Carter, Mr H. Moss and Vice-Commodore J. B. Cannell.

Services tomorrow: Fourth Sunday after Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon D. Webster, TD and Benedicite (Stanford in C); HC, 11.30 (Darke in F), Int, Surgens Jesus (Philips); E, 3.15, Very Rev C. A. Shaw, Mag and ND (Stanford in C), A, Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon R. C. D. Jasper (Gibbons-short), A, Haec dies (Byrd); HC, 11.40 (Whitlock in G), Mot, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); E, 3 (Purcell in B flat), A, In exitu Israel (Wesley), D. Lee H. Bristol; 6.30, Ven E. F. Carpenter.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9, 11, Sanctus Benedictus, Agnus (Sowerby in G minor), A, Sacrum convivium (Croce), Canon Derek Tasker; Choral Evening Prayer, 3 (Jackson in G minor), A, Behold the hour cometh (Tomkins), Very Rev Harold E. Frankham.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL AT ST JAMES'S: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, If ye believe (Goss), Canon E. Saxon.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP, 11.15, TD (Holst-Festival), Canon Edwyn Young, A, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley); HC, 12.10.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public admitted): HC, 8.30, 12; MP, 11, Rev Randolph Wise, A, All praise to him (Wagner).

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public invited): 11.15, Canon S. H. Evans, A, In Paradisum (Faure).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited): M, 11.30, A, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rev R. Tydeman.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, TD (Stanford in C), A, My beloved spake (Hadley).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8; M, 11; Band: Irish Guards; Rev F. W. H. White, A, Sicut cervus (Palestrina).

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30, 12; Parade Service, 11, A, O magnify and honour the Lord (Goodhall); Sing we merrily (Batten), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; M, 11 (Boyce in A), A, If ye be risen (Gibbons), and E, 3.30 (Wood in E flat), the Resident Chaplain, A, Easter (Armstrong Gibbs).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11 (Sumsion); E, 3.30 (Ireland).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. Anderton.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8, 5.20; HM, 11, Little Organ Mass (Haydn in B flat), Rev John Slater; E and B, 6, the Vicar.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, Prebendary Harold Loasby; E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa brevis (Gabrieli), Rev D. B. Tillyer.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8, 12.15; Family Communion, 9, Mr M. R. C. Sherlock; M, 11, Rev M. Kemp; E, 6, the Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15; M, 11, and E, 6, Prebendary D. W. Cleverley Ford.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10; Parade Service, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8, 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Messe basse (Fauré), Ave Maria (Poulenc), Rev L. D. P. Boyd.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 10.45 (600 Squadron commemoration); M, 11 (Vaughan Williams in G), A, Exultate Deo (Palestrina), Rev H. Norton; E, 6.30 (Purcell in G minor), A, I know that my Redeemer (Bach), the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M and HC, 11, Mr T. G. Stride, Jub (Howells's Collegium Regale), Gloria (Darke in F); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Wood in D), sermon in music.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 10, HM, 11 (Ireland in C), Rev Keith Hobbs.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Batten), Mot, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Rev W. M. Atkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St: HC, 8, 12; MP, 11, Rev A. W. D. Bayley; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; M, 11, Father F. Davis; E, 6, Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15, 6.45, Canon David L. Edwards; M, 11, TD (Howells's Coll Regale), A, My beloved spake (Hadley); E, 6, Mag and ND (Noble in B minor), A, How beauteous are the feet (Stanford).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8; Family Communion, 9.45; M, 11.15, Rev Ron Swan; 6.30, Norman Ingram-Smith.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 7, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev A. Davis; M, 11.15, Rev H. L. O. Rees, Blessed be the God (Wesley); E, 6.30, Rev C. G. Rogers, Sing joyfully (Batten).

ST MARY'S, Bryanston Square: HC, 8.30; M, 11, Rev V. L. Tucker Harvey; E, 6.30.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8; 11, Rev G. R. Rider, Missa brevis, Mot Tantum ergo sacramentum (Palestrina); E, 6.30.

ST MATTHEW'S, St Petersburgh Place, Bayswater: HC, 8.15, 12; M, 11, E, 6.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, Rev E. G. H. Saunders; 6, Rev G. Barnes Clarke.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Father Angelo.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Rev R. M. Rummer; 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Macpherson in G), Mot, Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; M, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11, Missa a tre (Lotti), Rev Herbert Moore; E and B, 6, Rev Richard Hayes.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, 11, Rev Dr George G. Cameron; 6.30, Rev John C. Goodie.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev J. Miller Scott; 3.30 Gaelic Service, Rev Malcolm Lamont; 6.30, Rev Emerson [illegible].

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7; HM, 10.30, Mass of Our Lady of Loretto (Goller); Ps 150 (Mawby); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Missa Salve (Victoria); V and B, 3.30, Mot, O rex gloriae (Byrd).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: SM, 11 (Latin) (Mozart in C).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa sine nomine (Grandi), Regina caeli ([illegible]).

ST JAMES'S, Spanish Place: SM (English), 9; HM, 10.30, Missa Trahe me post te (Victoria), Cantate Domino (Pitoni); Compline, 6.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 4.15, 6.30, 7.30 pm; Sung Mass, 11.

KENSINGTON REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian Congregational), Allen Street, W8: 11 and 6.30, Rev E. Gwyn Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30, Dr Peter Masters.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30 (at Holy Trinity, Kingsway).

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: 11 and 6.30, Dr Kenneth Slack.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev J. Glyn Owen.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev Gerald Tedcastle.

ESSEX CHURCH (Unitarian), Kensington (temporarily, St Mary Abbots Church Hall, Vicarage Gate): 11.15, Rev P. W. Phillips.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

PARLIAMENT, May 10, 1974

Cool reception for extended postal vote

House of Commons

MR ONSLOW (Woking, C) moved the second reading of the Representation of the People (No 2) Bill, designed to enable electors away on holiday at the time of a Parliamentary election to vote by post or by proxy, and to amend the law about the registration of members of the forces and the correction of the register of electors.

The Bill sought to put any elector who had made plans to be away on holiday on a day when it was subsequently decided that a parliamentary poll should be held, on the same footing as an elector who could now claim a postal or proxy vote because he was likely to be absent on business on polling day.

Those who deployed the argument that this kind of proposal would open the way for universal postal voting and consequentially widespread fraud and abuse had to show that there was no fraud in the present system. There were certainly few convictions under the present system, but he had the tiniest suspicion that the present business voting system was open to the possibility of abuse.

There were 360,000 men and women in the armed forces, but only about 25 per cent were registered to vote.

I refuse to believe (he said) that it is because the others do not want to vote. To suggest that three-quarters of the people who serve this country in the forces have deliberately chosen to disfranchise themselves is a gross exaggeration.

No obstacle should be placed in their way if they wished to take part in politics and exercise their right, as citizens, to vote.

People were disfranchised because their landlords were running multi-occupied houses, and there were people left off the registration list because of the "Alf Garnett syndrome". He remembered a case while canvassing where the head of a household assured him he was a true blue Tory. When Mr Onslow said he would talk to the man's son, the man said it would be no use as his son was a Red. He added "You have no cause to worry. I refused to put him on the register."

MR TERENCE WALKER (Kingswood, Lab) said the Bill was a much-needed reform because it would allow people what was rightfully theirs—their right to vote. A supplementary register should be issued from time to time, so that people would be entitled to be added to the register at any time.

MR WALDER (Clitheroe, C) said that to suggest a man should make sacrifices, financial and otherwise, in order to do his duty and vote was asking too much. Officials were over-formal and over-bureaucratic in the application of rules about postal votes.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab) said it would be a useful exercise in democratic participation to ensure that at local elections people had the opportunity to vote not only for their local councillors but for area water boards and hospital authorities. There was a tendency to ignore this area of activity and to rely too often on bureaucratic officials and appointees.

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab) said the Government did not feel able to support the Bill. Nobody would claim that governments had a prerogative to introduce legislation on electoral matters, but in practice it seemed more appropriate for reform measures of this importance to be brought forward by the Government after the customary process of consultation.

There was also the general convention that proposals for electoral reform should be considered by a Speaker's conference. Of the three matters with which the Bill dealt only one accorded with the recommendation of the Speaker's conference. One went right against the last conference recommendation and one had not been considered at all by a Speaker's conference but was within the terms of reference of a working party which had been set up on the recommendation of the Speaker's conference and was not expected to report for some months.

She could not say when the Speaker's Conference would be reconvened. It was a matter for the leaders of the three parties.

The electoral advisory conference which considered the practical problems of giving postal votes to those on holiday drew attention to the increased risks of abuse involved; the need to lengthen the election timetable to cater for postal votes for people on holiday; and the increased cost estimated at £1m for a parliamentary election.

The Government believed this question needed to be gone into in more detail and with more specialized knowledge.

Fewer than one-third of Servicemen and their wives during the last three or four years succeeded in getting themselves on the register. This was a poor figure which should be higher.

Most MPs had had constituents who were indignant to find their names had been left off the register and nothing could be done about it. Computerization in the future would help with registration. In general registers were of a high standard of accuracy.

The Government could not support a Bill which prejudged the working party's recommendations.

MR GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (Islington, South, and Finsbury, Lab) said that rather than do anything which served to erode the secrecy of the vote which had come to be taken so much for granted, they should move in the other direction.

They should consider a public register of those entitled to vote by post so that if a person claimed he was away on business, his name would be available publicly. There would be no breach of normal privacy in it being known which voters had asked for and been given the right to vote by post, and upon what ground.

MR EDWARD GARDINER (South Fylde, C) said the administrative mistakes by those responsible for compiling the register should not be visited on electors. If it was true that three-quarters of the members of the armed services were, in effect, disfranchised at each election, something was gravely wrong with the law and it needed immediate improvement.

MR WEITZMAN (Hackney, North, and Stoke Newington, Lab) said they must be careful not to open the door to abuse. There was considerable scope for abuse under the Bill.

MR GOODHEW (St Albans, C) said that although the Government did not like to admit it, the particular circumstances of this Parliament, with a minority administration that might be defeated at any time and a Prime Minister who might decide to do a summer streak, made this the year in which it was necessary to worry about a Bill of this sort.

The debate was adjourned.

The Abortion (Amendment) Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 4.36 pm.

Golf

Oosterhuis catches up with his own signed rons for the first time

Peter Ryde
olf Correspondent

For the third day running no ear leader emerged in the Penld golf tournament at Worthing; sterday the joint leaders were ter Oosterhuis and Dale Hayes, o share the lead on 202, eight der par. Peter Tupling had a ance to stay with them, but opped two strokes over 17 and ished on 204 along with Brian rnes.

Coles had an off day. It was not cause of his back, so he cannot considered to be quite out of even though Oosterhuis is one those who are five strokes ead. Oosterhuis is certainly ing the crest. He must have n especially pleased yesterday, cause for the first time he was ng a set of his own signed irons, ving only just caught up with m after his travels.

He had one stroke of luck when beautifully played bunker shot the seventh rolled into the hole a two, but apart from that the t of about one yard which he ed at the third for a birdie was long as anything he got down day. It looked as though his at the seventh would be folled by another when he hit a ee wood to 10 feet at the eighth, he missed.

t was left to Tupling to string twos together. No amount of dwill on the part of the weather ld turn Hill Barn into a great urse, but it did what it could. ernight rain had quietened the ens and their surrounds and ared the air.

omething of this freshness got the players' game and the ball popping into the hole from all r the place. At the seventh pling's drive finished six feet n the hole, and at the eighth he ed in one of eight feet. Tupling filled out a lot since his teur days, when he delighted his comrades with his forthright Yorkshire comments. He is now in his element and retains his cheerful view of life. He is a curiously flat-footed swinger, but otherwise looks orthodox. His slip at the seventeenth came from finding his ball in a bad lie just short of the bunker, from where he got it only to the edge of the green.

Wilcock holed in one again, his second of the tournament. This was a three-iron to the eleventh, 176 yards, a much more formidable shot than his first on the previous day, and this time he saw it bounce once and run on into the hole. He attributed his loss of form for the rest of the round to worrying about the terms of the policy he had taken out the day before, insuring anyone else sharing the spoils with him. The spoils are a Japanese car valued at about £2,000.

Last year Wilcock was so worried with his playing of all short holes that he carried out an analysis which showed that he was averaging well over four strokes at each of them. It is three years since John Hudson holed in one at successive holes in a tournament. This is not comparable, but it is remarkable because, before this week, he had not in his 28 years achieved the feat.

Jacklin slipped back with one of those rounds of dissipated strokes which his followers find so depressing. At the fifth he over-clubbed and had to play back up the steep bank of the green, finally missing from inside a yard. He looked likely to fritter away more strokes at the seventh, after missing the green in two, but he holed a chip for a birdie. Little good it did him, for he took seven putts on the next two greens and was out in 40. His clubbing was again at fault at the eighth, and he took three putts; but at the ninth, after hitting a tree with his drive, he was on in three and took four putts, three of them from no distance at all. Somehow he must rid himself of these alarming lapses round the green before the iron enters his soul.

Wilcock: Hole in one at Worthing two successive days.

202: D. Hayes (South Africa) 69, 65, 68; P. A. Oosterhuis (Pacific Harbour) 66, 70, 66.
204: B. W. Barnes (Copthorne Hotel) 70, 65, 69; L. P. Tupling (Phoenix Park) 68, 66, 70.
205: T. Horton (Ham Manor) 70, 68, 67; B. Polland (Balmoral) 71, 67, 67.
206: D. C. Wren (South Africa) 71, 66, 69.
207: J. B. Stanley (Australia) 71, 70, 66; N. C. Coles (Holiday Inns) 67, 67, 73.
209: C. DePoy (Bryn Meadows) 73, 70, 66; D. Butler (Leatherhead) 69, 72, 68; C. O'Connor Jnr (Carlow) 69, 70, 70; H. Bannerman (Murcar) 68, 70, 71.
210: P. B. Berry (Cotswold Hills) 72, 69, 69; J. Dorrestein (Netherlands) 71, 71, 68; T. Westbrook (Selsdon Park) 72, 68, 70; P. M. P. Townsend (Portmarnock), 71, 69, 70; A. Jacklin (Potters Bar) 66, 70, 74.
211: S. Owen (NZ) 71, 72, 68; S. Ginn (Australia) 70, 70, 71; J. H. Cook (Brickendon Grange) 70, 69, 72.
212: V. Fernandez (Argentina) 74, 71, 67; J. A. Hudson (Chipstead) 74, 70, 68; L. Hammond (Berkhamsted) 76, 66, 70; M. Faulkner (Shillinglee Park), 72, 68, 72; T. H. Wilcock (Trevose) 70, 69, 73; J. R. Garner (Hartsbourne) 68, 72, 72.
213: M. E. Gregson (Almaina Park) 72, 72, 69; D. W. McClelland (Hartsbourne) 70, 72, 71; H. Jackson (Holme Hall) 72, 70, 71; A. Oosthuizen (SA) 66, 75, 72; E. Darcy (Erewash Valley) 70, 71, 72; B. Huggett (Cambridgeshire Hotel) 73, 68, 72; C. O'Connor (R. Dublin) 73, 68, 72; S. C. Mason (Goring and Streatley) 69, 71, 73; J. O'Leary (unatt) 69, 71, 73; B. Thompson (Belton Park) 70, 70, 73.
214: C. A. Clark (Sunningdale) 74, 72, 68; M. Bembridge (Little Aston) 73, 72, 69; R. D. Shade (Duddingston) 73, 71, 70; D. J. Ross (South Herts) 72, 72, 70; J. Fourie (SA) 72, 70, 72; J. J. Kinsella (Castle) 71, 71, 72; P. J. Butler (Golf Domes) 66, 75, 73.
215: H. Baiocchi (City of Ely) 71, 74, 70; G. L. Hunt (unatt) 74, 70, 71; G. Cunningham (Troon Municipal) 77, 67, 71; T. R. Pinner (Bigbury) 71, 72, 72; C. Greene (Milltown) 73, 70, 72; A. P. Thomson (Inverness) 70, 73, 72; R. Wynn (Leatherhead) 73, 70, 72.

Football

Hughes leads redesigned England

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

The next week will see all our footballing eyes—already tired and all but crossed after a long, heavy and at times traumatic season—turned inwards upon our island game.

Beginning today and ending next Saturday with the traditional tribal clash between Scotland and England at Hampden Park (the one match above all others the Scots long to win), we are faced with the home international championship.

In many ways this is a more satisfactory format than of old; a condensing of the programme with players free from club commitments and all their energies bent to their respective countries. Strung out across the season in other days, these fixtures and the situation tended to be forgotten in the stress of other events. Now the developing picture can be followed clearly.

This afternoon England face the Welsh fires at Cardiff and do so for the first time under the wing of their new caretaker manager, the affable, but shrewd, Joe Mercer, who has always been a leader of men both on and off the field, and a believer in attack. The other half of this opening programme sees Northern Ireland, still deprived of their home ground in Belfast, having to face Scotland at Hampden Park.

Mr Mercer, always one to cast an approving eye at ball players, has opened his short reign by introducing one such in Weller, of Leicester City, a sensitive performer with a wide vision of the field, who thus gains his first Cap; not before time either.

The side Mr Mercer has picked for Cardiff has a likely look about it, a blend of sensible defence and creative attack with the threat of goals in the three front runners, Channon, Bowles and Keegan, the Liverpool hero of the Cup Final. It is a side that could alternate swiftly between 4-3-3 and 4-2-4.

I am sure it is no disrespect to Sir Alf Ramsey that Mr Mercer has now dropped six of the side who could only draw 0—0 with Portugal in Lisbon at the beginning of April. After all, Sir Alf's original party then was disrupted for a variety of reasons which caused his outburst against certain clubs at the time.

In detail, the changes are these—Shilton for Parkes in goal; Bell, Hughes and Weller for Dobson (Burnley), Brooking (West Ham) and Peters (Tottenham) in midfield; Keegan for Macdonald (Newcastle) up front; and McFarland for Watson (Sunderland) at the heart of the defence.

The most significant of these changes is the exclusion of Peters, the last survivor of England's 1966 victorious World Cup side. He now loses his place and with it the captaincy which goes to the enthusiastic Hughes, released on this occasion to play an attacking role in midfield, his natural game. It is quite a pointer to the future, too, that Todd is preferred to Hunter at the side of McFarland. These two, together with Nish, all of Derby, should provide a sound understanding, though it is a pity that Nish, normally a left back, has to perform on the opposite flank to accommodate the sturdy Pejic.

All in all, here is an England side that looks capable of stopping a Welsh team short of real quality. James is their one man of class, a match winner on his day. But apart from Yorath in midfield and perhaps Mahoney (if he is fit to play), there would seem little support to help the Burnley winger.

This is the start of a tough, seven-match programme for England which will see them face five World Cup finalists by June 5. Wales and Northern Ireland apart, the big tests will come against Scotland (May 18), Argentina (Wembley, May 22), East Germany (Leipzig, May 29), Bulgaria (Sofia, June 1) and Yugoslavia (Belgrade, June 5). When that is all over we may have an inkling of the sort of side England will take into the European Championship next season.

With three relegated Manchester United men in their side—Buchan, Holton and Morgan—and an ageing Law at centre forward, Scotland at first glance do not suggest a world shattering combination. Yet there is time enough for them to blend before the World Cup next month and clearly in Bremner, Harvey, and the elusive, long-legged Hutchison they have players of class. Bremner's driving captaincy, too, could count for much.

Yet in spite of all their various handicaps, the itinerant Irish, lacking a home, as always enter the fray full of hope, and with a new cap, the 19-year-old McGrath, who has just had his first full season at the top. Indeed, Terry Neill, their manager, suggests that they can even win this British championship.

WALES: J. Phillips (Chelsea); P. Roberts (Portsmouth), R. Thomas (Derby County), J. Mahoney (Stoke City) or L. Cartwright (Coventry City), J. Roberts (Birmingham City), D. Roberts (Oxford United), G. Reece (Cardiff City), A. Villars (Cardiff City), R. Davies (Portsmouth), T. Yorath (Leeds United), L. James (Burnley).

ENGLAND: P. Shilton (Leicester City); D. Nish (Derby County), R. McFarland (Derby County), C. Todd (Derby County), M. Pejic (Stoke City), C. Bell (Manchester City), E. Hughes (Liverpool), K. Weller (Leicester City), K. Keegan (Liverpool), M. Channon (Southampton), S. Bowles (Queen's Park Rangers).

NORTHERN IRELAND: P. Jennings (Tottenham Hotspur); P. Rice (Arsenal), A. Hunter (Ipswich Town), L. O'Kane (Nottingham Forest), S. Nelson (Arsenal), B. Hamilton (Ipswich Town), T. Cassidy (Newcastle United), D. Clements (Everton), C. McGrath (Tottenham Hotspur), S. McIlroy (Manchester United), S. Morgan (Aston Villa).

SCOTLAND: D. Harvey (Leeds United); A. Jardine (Rangers), W. Donachie (Manchester City), W. Bremner (Leeds United), J. Holton (Manchester United), M. Buchan (Manchester United), W. Morgan (Manchester United), D. Hay (Celtic), D. Law (Manchester City), K. Dalglish (Celtic), T. Hutchinson (Coventry City).

Today's football

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Ireland v Scotland (Hampden Park, 3.0); Wales v England (Ninian Park, 3.0).
FIRST DIVISION: Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur (3.0).
FOURTH DIVISION: Rotherham United v Peterborough United (3.0).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian-Casuals v Kingstonian (3.0); Hitchin v Leatherhead (3.0); Oxford City v Dulwich Hamlet (3.0); Sutton v Hendon (3.0); Woking v Ilford (3.0). Second division: Cheshunt v Aveley (3.0); Dagenham v Horsham (3.0); Hampton v Hertford (3.0); Southall v Finchley (3.0).
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Grays v Erith and Belvedere (3.0); Hounslow v Herne Bay (3.0); Ruislip Manor v Lewes (3.0); Ware v Croydon (3.0); Woking v Boreham Wood (3.0). Second division: Alton v Wingate (3.0); Aylesbury v Leyton (3.0); Faversham v Uxbridge (3.0); Feltham v Addlestone (3.0); Harrow v Molesey (3.0); Windsor v Eastbourne (3.0).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Challenge Cup final: Featherstone Rovers v Warrington (Wembley 3.0).

Yesterday's results

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Dumbarton 2, Dundee 0; Dundee United 4, Morton 2.
OTHER MATCH: Newcastle United 5, Middlesbrough 3.
BOYS' CLUBS INTERNATIONAL: Britain 4, Belgium 1.

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ngland's hopes of reaching the l of the European Cup hockey rnament were extinguished here ay by West Germany, the ders. Tomorrow they will meet in, who surprisingly defeated Netherlands by 1—0.

ll England can hope for now is d place, for which they play the herlands. Wales play Scotland seventh and eighth places, les having lost 4—3 to Poland the first period of extra-time, and play Italy for 11th and 12th ces.

Vest Germany's strength lay ically in their skill at the set ces from which they scored four their five goals, all beautifully ck and all perfect examples of and balance.

ngland played reasonably well kept trying until the end but difference between the sides, it was plain enough for all to was that when it came to countthe players of true interonal quality, England were outbered.

rom the start there were indicas that England's defence was g to have a busy time, with n twice running out of goal to off individual thrusts. Then, re the game was five minutes West Germany scored from a corner. After the initial hit stopped, the ball was flicked os, who took it almost to the and his backpass was so wonully controlled that Lissek ly stirred as he crashed the home.

, for the Germans, the seeds ictory were sown and it was y to see them trapping the and distributing it to players ing diagonally on to it. After inutes England launched their move of consequence which d with Whalley being obstrucEngland's defence, with Pinks Blackmore breaking up several ks, seemed to be standing up

wo short corners to the Gers ended in exciting scrambles. and's finest attack was made he 25th minute with Evans ving past Peter at high speed trying a shot which the goaler saved. Whalley's scoop on follow-up was slapped down he goalkeeper who used his gaged hand but not even a corner was awarded.

e pity of it was that the Gerincreased their lead within a le of minutes from a short er. It led to a scramble and k drove in his second goal. pressure was heavily on and again in the first five tes of the second half. Owen a good save off Vos but with se and Trump converting short ers as easily as shelling peas, Germany were soon four up. r fifth goal was nicely set up the right by Lissek and tifully taken by Kaessmann minutes before the end.

ST GERMANY: W. Rott; M. Peter, [illegible] M. Krause, D. Freise, H. Drost, [illegible] (captain), P. Lissek, W. Kaessmann, U. Vos, V. Trump.
GLAND: D. Owen; I. Pinks, D. [illegible], D. Blackmore, P. Freitag, R. [illegible] (captain), B. Purdy (sub. R. H. [illegible]), C. Whalley, G. Evans, J. French.
rees: H. Pessoni (Italy) and L. Gillet

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y Union: Lions tour preview (7.30).

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cet: Kent v Leicestershire (2.0).

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ball: International preview (12.35).
ng: Lingfield Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Ripon races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
ockey: Stanley Cup (3.10).
stling: Chelmsford promotion (4.0).
ball: Wales v England highs (7.45).

A tomorrow
estrian: Windsor Horse Show (about 2.10).

Tennis

An iron man blows kisses to the crowd

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Dallas, May 10

For the first time four nations are represented in the semi-final round of the World Championship Tennis play-off series. For the first time there must be a European in the final, from which the winner collects £21,000. The pairings are John Newcombe (United States champion) v Stan Smith (holder) and Bjorn Borg (a month short of his eighteenth birthday) v Jan Kodes (Wimbledon champion).

Another "first", of course, is the use of an electronic device to help the service linesmen. This idea came to a Lincolnshire-born biologist after a bad day in which he had first been cheated by a tennis opponent and then caught in a radar speedtrap. We all have days like that: but few draw such constructive conclusions from adversity.

Last evening Kodes beat Ilie Nastase 7—6, 6—1, 7—5 in 1hr 56min and Borg defeated Arthur Ashe 7—5, 6—4, 7—6 in 1hr 42min. Neither winner could reasonably have expected to win in straight sets. "This is the first time I beat him in a big match indoors", observed Kodes. "I think it is the best he has played against me", said Nastase. Borg reckoned this was one of his best matches. "The guy is very, very talented", commented the bitterly disappointed Ashe, who was runner-up last year. "He does play rather recklessly and he has lots of weaknesses. But I just couldn't get to them."

In the first set Nastase delighted us with his speed, touch and virtuosity. But Kodes kept him under relentless pressure, with a concentrated fighting spirit that was spectacularly apparent in acrobatic yet solid, volleying. "I take it easy for two sets", said Nastase. "I was not fighting for every point". Kodes certainly was. Yet to the last the match was in the balance. Kodes took the third set only by the precarious margin of 7—5 after leading 5—3. At the end the court was invaded and he was given an ovation. His iron composure relaxed. Kodes walked off smiling, waving, and blowing kisses to the crowd.

This often enchanting demonstration of ground strokes and animated chess contrasted vividly with the second match, which was dominated by such violent serving that rallies exceeding three shots were joys to be savoured. Ashe served well. Borg served better. In 17 service games the lurching, long-haired Swede lost only 18 points, was only once taken to deuce, and never had a break point against him. He hit as hard as he could whenever he could, kept swinging the ball from side to side, and seldom missed a shot. His reflexes were as fast as his footwork

Ashe's confidence was gradually destroyed by a youth playing the sort of match every man dreams of playing. Ashe began to make unforced errors, to miss relatively easy shots ("It got to the point where I either hit the ball out or hit it into the net"). But in the crucial tie-break Ashe led 4—0 and then 6—5 with two services to come. Borg promptly hit two blazing winners, a ground stroke on each flank, to romp through this sudden death finish.

CALCUTTA: Davis Cup (Eastern Zone): India v Australia (J. Singh and R. Giltinan 11—9, 9—all, 10—10).
CAIRO: Davis Cup: Egypt and Yugoslavia level at 1—1. I. el Shafei beat Z. Franulovic 6—2, 6—3, 6—2; A. Daoudi lost to N. Pilic 6—0, 6—4, 6—0.
DUSSELDORF: Davis Cup: Spain v West Germany: M. Orantes led K. Meiler 6—3, 6—4, 4—6, 3—5, bad light.
SCHEVENINGEN: Davis Cup: Netherlands lead Finland 1—0 (R. Thung beat P. Saila 6—2, 6—4, 6—4).
LONDON: Paddington hard court tournament: Semi-finals: J. Yuill beat E. Ewert, 6—4, 6—3; S. Warboys beat G. Thomson, 6—2, 6—4; Miss H. Sparre beat Mrs C. W. Brasher, 6—2, 6—7, 6—3; Miss J. Fayter beat Miss C. Molesworth, 6—3, 6—4; E. Hancock and N. Holmes beat A. H. Lloyd and J. Jones, 7—5, 1—6, 6—4; Thomson and J. R. Smith beat R. van der Merwe and Yuill, 7—6, 1—6, 7—6; Miss Fayter and Mrs P. Gregg beat Miss Sparre and Miss S. Quist, 6—2, 4—6, 7—6; Miss Whitcross and Miss M. Morgan beat Miss Molesworth and Miss A. Coe, 7—6, 6—3.

Motor racing

Lauda picks immaculate line in practice

From John Blunsden
Nivelles, May 10

Niki Lauda, the winner of the Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama two weeks ago, took advantage of a drying track here this afternoon to record the fastest practice time for Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix. After putting a set of dry-track tyres on his Ferrari 20 minutes before the end of practice, Lauda picked an immaculate line on the still damp 2.31 miles Nivelles circuit to record a time of 1min 14.14sec, just over two seconds outside the official lap record set two years ago by Christopher Amon, who is an absentee from this race as his car is undergoing redesign of its front brake lay-out.

Maintaining the form that he displayed at Silverstone last month, James Hunt was second fastest today in both training periods, his Hesketh car seeming to be particularly fast along the Nivelles straight, and impressively stable through the fast corner at the end of it. Hunt's speed was not unexpected, but a pleasant surprise today was the excellent showing of Jarier and Redman in the two UOP Shadows, which seem to be returning to top form after a rather unhappy period. At this stage, the two cars are third and fourth fastest ahead of Fittipaldi's Texaco Marlboro McLaren, which had been the fastest car in the first of today's two practices.

Three other drivers will be competing in their first grand prix races if they manage to qualify their cars for one of the places on the 25-car starting grid. Larrousse, co-winner of the Le Mans 24 hours race last year, has a Brabham BT42, and Finland's leading sports car driver, Kinnunen, has been entered in a Surtees TS14.

In a much stronger position to qualify is the Welshman, Pryce, who so far has managed to work his way up into 19th position

FASTEST PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N. Lauda (Ferrari 312B3), 1min 14.14sec; 2, J. Hunt (Hesketh-Ford 308), 1min 15.61sec; 3, J.-P. Jarier (UOP Shadow-Ford DN3), 1min 16.38sec; 4, B. Redman (UOP Shadow-Ford DN3), 1min 16.58sec; 5, E. Fittipaldi (Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford M23), 1min 17.07sec; 6, J.P. Beltoise (BRM P201), 1min 17.92sec; 7, E. Pilette (Brabham-Ford BT 44), 1min 17.97sec; 8, J. Mass (Surtees-Ford TS 16), 1min 18.47sec; 9, P. Depailler (Elf Tyrrell-Ford 007), 1min 19.18sec; 10, C. Regazzoni (Ferrari 312B3), 1min 19.85sec.

Yachting

N Zealand for Admiral's Cup

A team of three boats from New Zealand is to compete for the first time for the Admiral's Cup at Cowes next season, writes John Nicholls. The team is to be sponsored by Dunhill New Zealand and will be a welcome addition to the fleet. New Zealand teams have always done well in the Australian Southern Cross series and their boats will surely add to the quality of the fleet at Cowes.

Last year's biennial Admiral's Cup was won by a German team, which broke the long run of successes by Britain, Australia and the United States.

Cycling

MIRANDA DE EBRO: Tour of Spain: Stage 17: 1, A. Tamames (Spain), 4hr 39min 17sec; 2, R. Ovion (France), 4hr 39min 19sec; 3, J.-P. Danguillaume (France), 4hr 39min 23sec. Overall: 1, J. Fuente (Spain), 80hr 6min 28sec; 2, M. Lasa (Spain), 80hr 8min 38sec; 3, J. Agostinho (Portugal), 80hr 9min 1sec; 4, D. Perurena (Spain), 80hr 9min 2sec; 5, L. Ocana (Spain), 80hr 9min 40sec; 6, J. Uribezubia (Spain), 80hr 11min 35sec; 7, J. Gonzalez-Linares (Spain), 80hr 11min 38sec; 8, J.-P. Danguillaume (France), 80hr 13min 7sec; 9, J. Abilleira (Spain), 80hr 13min 11sec; 10, A. Vallori (Spain), 80hr 13min 19sec.
POZNAN: Peace Race, stage three (94 miles): 1, H. Hartnick (E Germany), 3hr 7min 4sec; 2, R. Lebus (Czechoslovakia), 3hr 7min 8sec; 3, V. Likhachev (USSR), 4, T. Mytnik (Poland), both 3hr 7min 8sec.
LE SENTIER: Tour of Romandie, stage three (124 miles): 1, C. Raymond (France), 5hr 23min 13sec; 2, R. Dalm (Switzerland), 5hr 31min 7sec; 3, G. Van Roosbroeck (Belgium), 5hr 31min 24sec.
CARLTON: Comma 37-mile team time-trial: 1, R. Pinen, T. Tabak (TI Raleigh), 1hr 16min 5sec; 2, L. West, J. Kerr (Holdsworth), 1hr 21min 21sec; 3, D. Lloyd, S. Barras (TI Raleigh), 1hr 21min 38sec.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 2, New York Yankees 0; Kansas City Royals 6, Texas Rangers 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 3, Atlanta Braves 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Houston Astros 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, San Diego Padres 0.

Ice hockey

NEW YORK: Stanley Cup (best-of-seven play-off series): Philadelphia Flyers 3, Boston Bruins (after extra time) 2. Flyers and Bruins are drawing 1—1.

Rugby League

Warrington need Murphy to inspire them

Peter Fox, the coach of the Rugby League Challenge Cup holders, Featherstone Rovers, will tell his team to "hit" Warrington hard and early in today's final at Wembley.

In last year's final, Rovers scored 17 points in the first 20 minutes and went on to beat Bradford Northern 33-14. An added incentive for the Yorkshire club to gain a quick lead is that Warrington are notoriously slow starters.

Rovers play eight of last year's successful side, including the scrum half, Nash, who was awarded the Lance Todd Trophy as the man of the match. Warrington's success this season has sprung from their hard-running pack, guided by the skill of their player-coach, Murphy.

The Lancashire team have won the Captain Morgan and Players No 6 knock-out trophies already and they are in next week's championship final against St Helens.

Murphy, aged 34, is attempting to gain his fourth winners medal. He collected two with St Helens, once as captain, and led Leigh to a surprising success over Leeds three years ago. The former Great Britain scrum-half believes in total involvement and will attempt to work the ball out to the former British Lions left wing, Bevan, whose pace has produced 22 tries this season. With Murphy in the side, Warrington have great confidence.

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: H. Box (1); D. Dyas (2), M. Smith (3), D. Hartley (4), T. Bray (5); T. Newlove (6), S. Nash (7); L. Tonks (8), J. Bridges (9), W. Harris (10), H. Thompson (11), A. Rhodes (12), K. Bell (13).

WARRINGTON: D. Whitehead (1); M. Philbin (2), D. Noonan (3), A. Whittle (6), J. Bevan (5); A. Murphy (4), P. Gordon (7); D. Chisnall (8), K. Ashcroft (9), B. Braby (10), D. Wright (11), H. Nicholas (12), B. Philbin (13).

Referee: S. Shepherd (Oldham).

Real tennis

Manchester pair must be at their best today

By Our Real Tennis Correspondent

The holders, Charles Swallow, a former amateur champion, and Norwood Cripps, a professional, will meet Frank Willis and Christopher Ennis, the Manchester professionals, in the final of the British open real tennis doubles championship, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at Queen's Club this morning. Both pairs won their semi-final matches yesterday rather more easily than expected, but the Manchester pair will have to be at their best to unseat the holders and regain the title they won in 1972.

Willis and Ennis beat the amateur champions, Howard Angus and David Warburg, 6—1, 6—4, 6—5, after letting slip a lead of 4—0 in the third set and points for the next two games. Willis, having borne the brunt of the action, began to run down. He must have played six shots to every one his partner took.

Warburg was the mainstay of his side and has probably not played better this season. He held his own against Willis's considerable power, induced volley errors from Ennis, made few unforced errors and used the court cleverly. Angus looked jaded and his play came in fits and spurts.

Swallow and Cripps were too severe for the professionals, David Cull (Lord's) and Peter Dawes (Seacourt), and won 6—2, 6—2, 6—3. The rallies were long, but the losers did not possess the weight of stroke or the finishing shots to hurt the winners. Cull and Dawes looked like getting into the match early in the second set, but two somewhat lucky bounces from the winners ended the threat.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: C. J. Swallow and N. A. R. Cripps (Queen's Club) beat D. Cull (Lord's) and P. Dawes (Seacourt) 6—2, 6—2, 6—3; F. Willis and C. Ennis (Manchester) beat H. R. Angus and D. J. Warburg 6—1, 6—4, 6—5.

Cricket

A vote of thanks rather than one of confidence

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Victory in the first of the primaries, as it were, has gone to Michael Denness, appointed as captain of the MCC team to meet the Indians at Lord's a week today. Of the 11 players, seven were in the West Indies. Those who were not are Acfield, Edmonds, Tolchard—and, believe it or not, Pilling.

For having led England to victory in their last Test match in Port of Spain, Denness deserves this vote of thanks. I call it that, rather than one of confidence, because the selectors can hardly see him as being established. His record as a batsman is not good enough for that, or, in some respects, as a touring captain.

What will happen, I imagine, is that Denness, unless he is in no sort of form, will lead England in the first Test match against India on June 6. He could even be given the whole series to do; at the end of which the selectors will have to decide who is to be entrusted with Australia. They could obviously find themselves in a quandary when that time comes. What happens, for example, if Denness makes runs against India, and leads England to victory, without convincing the selectors that he is their man for Australia?

At the moment there is a backlash in Denness's favour, due to the heavy press criticism meted out to him in the West Indies. The selectors consider him to have been pilloried. The fact that he squared the series by winning the last Test match, against a side much stronger than his own, is good enough for them, at any rate for the time being. If there were an outstanding alternative it might be different, though even then Denness, according to custom, would probably have been given the captaincy of this MCC side against the Indians. After returning from India and Pakistan, where he was captain, Tony Lewis had this corresponding match; as did Illingworth after he came back from Australia and New Zealand.

In the side next Saturday are Greig and Boycott, both of whom have their advocates for the captaincy. As do Cowdrey, Close and Illingworth, if it is long experience that is being sought, and Brearley if it is a new broom, and Lewis who, should he start to make runs, will come into the reckoning.

Of England's batsmen, Amiss and Fletcher will be getting a first look at the Indians, besides Denness, Boycott and Greig. This is pretty nearly the full Test batting line-up. It is hard to think that after all these years the selectors are considering Pilling for an England place. For Lancashire last season he scored 743 runs at an average of 24. In 10 seasons his top score is 133. A good chance seems to have been missed of seeing someone like Balderstone, Knight or Radley.

This might have meant some re-jigging, so as not to have deprived a county engaged in the Benson and Hedges of more than one player, but it should have been possible. For the second time this season Acfield and Edmonds are the spin bowlers. They were chosen for MCC against Hampshire in the opening match, and they will hope for more sympathetic conditions than they had then. For everyone's sake we need them.

TEAM: M. H. Denness (Kent, captain), G. Boycott (Yorkshire), D. L. Amiss (Warwickshire), H. Pilling (Lancashire), K. W. R. Fletcher (Essex), A. W. Greig (Sussex), R. W. Tolchard (Leicestershire), P. H. Edmonds (Middlesex), G. G. Arnold (Surrey), M. Hendrick (Derbyshire), D. L. Acfield (Essex).

Northants fight back to gain victory

By John Woodcock

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (16 pts) beat Yorkshire (6) by two wickets.

There will not be many more fiercely contested days than this at Northampton this season. It ended with Northamptonshire winning a match which, in the middle of the afternoon, they had seemed almost sure to lose.

Rain on Thursday night had changed the character of the pitch. The ball turned for the spin bowlers, and early in the day it lifted for the faster bowlers. For the most part it was awkward rather than really difficult; but to batsmen looking for trouble, it was there to be found.

So, during the morning, Yorkshire lost their last six wickets in 90 minutes for only 43 runs. At one o'clock Northamptonshire went in needing 121 to win and, at 37 for one, they looked like making them with something to spare.

Yet from 37 for one and 53 for two Northamptonshire collapsed to 63 for seven. That was due to Cope, Carrick, and Sharpe, who between them took Yorkshire to the brink of victory. Not until Cope and Carrick came on, at 33 for one, did Sharpe appear at slip. He was not chancing a bruised finger against the new ball. Once there, he held two brilliant catches, one low to his left, the other low to his right, and a third rather easier one. With Mushtaq and Steele going to balls that turned, and Sarfraz being caught and bowled, Northamptonshire, with another 58 still needed, were scarcely halfway there.

But in the crisis, Yorkshire had a Yorkshireman to contend with; two in fact, and nearly three. For Cook, who made 31 not out, comes from Middlesbrough, and Maltby, who added the last 21 with him, from Yorkshire by the sea. And Sharp, who put on a vital 38 with Cook, is from just over the frontier, at West Hartlepool.

In the hour of their decline Northamptonshire must have been disgusted with their batting. But it took a lovely ball from Carrick to remove Sharp, after he had been there for 70 minutes. Maltby, who joined Cook at 101 for eight, had been rather a mystery figure until now, not bowling in spite of being a bowler, and batting at number 10. He can play forward, though, with resolution, and with Cook he made the winning runs, the last of them coming in the 72nd over of the innings and the ninth of the last 20.

When it was over, Boycott had a special word for Carrick and Cope. Coming on at 33 for one, they bowled to the end, except for one over from Old. Carrick, orthodox left arm, is only 21. He bowled as well as could possibly be expected of him. Cope, with his new action, resisted the temptation to revert to the old way. They were supported by some glorious fielding in the covers by Johnson and one or two notable saves by Nicholson. But Yorkshire had got just too few runs in the morning.

Cottam with three wickets, Steele with two, and Sarfraz with two had bowled them out. There were four good catches, two by Mushtaq in the gully, one by Maltby at short leg, and one by Milburn at mid-wicket. The most remarkable effort was Milburn's, with Hutton playing Steele away on the on side, a foot or two off the ground. Milburn launched himself at it, like a great tree being felled, and got his two hands under it. The earth shock and one marvelled that Milburn could any more do such things. Yet trying to overcome his dreadful handicap must be as painful to him as it is to those who watch, and remember him as he was.

Carrick: bowled well.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 265 for 8 (R. G. Lumb 123 not out; R. M. H. Cottam 5 for 67)

Second Innings

*G. Boycott, c Sharp, b Sarfraz	17
R. G. Lumb, b Mushtaq	18
P. J. Sharpe, b Mushtaq	1
C. Johnson, b Mushtaq	1
C. M. Old, c Watts, b Cottam	25
†D. L. Bairstow, l-b-w, b Cottam	1
R. A. Hutton, c Milburn, b Steele	1
J. H. Hampshire, not out	19
P. Carrick, c Maltby, b Cottam	8
A. G. Nicholson, c Mushtaq, b Steele	1
G. A. Cope, c Mushtaq, b Sarfraz	3
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 5)	10
Total	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—29, 2—36, 3—38, 4—39, 5—68, 6—69, 7—70, 8—81, 9—82, 10—105.
BOWLING: Cottam, 22—7—48—3; Sarfraz, 13.1—5—20—2; Mushtaq, 13—10—18—3; Steele, 11—8—9—2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 250 for 8 (R. T. Virgin 52, P. Willey 54; P. Carrick 4 for 55)

Second Innings

R. T. Virgin, c Sharpe, b Cope	19
P. Willey, c Hutton, b Nicholson	1
D. S. Steele, c Bairstow, b Carrick	22
Mushtaq Mohammad, l-b-w, b Cope	11
*P. J. Watts, c Sharpe, b Cope	0
G. Cook, not out	31
C. Milburn, c Sharpe, b Cope	0
Sarfraz Nawaz, c and b Carrick	3
†G. Sharp, b Carrick	18
N. Maltby, not out	6
Extras	11
Total (8 wkts)	122

(R. M. H. Cottam did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—37, 3—53, 4—53, 5—55, 6—56, 7—63, 8—101.
BOWLING: Old, 9—0—23—0; Nicholson, 6—4—3—1; Carrick, 29.4—17—40—3; Cope, 27—11—45—4.
Umpires: H. D. Bird and H. Yarnold.

Today's cricket

BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Indians (11.30 to 7.0)
BENSON & HEDGES CUP (11.0 start, 55 overs)
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Essex.
DERBY: Derbyshire v Minor Counties North
NEATH: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Minor Counties South.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Sussex.
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
OTHER MATCH
OXFORD: Oxford University v Somerset.

Tomorrow
BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Indians (1.30 to 7.0).
JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (2.0 to 6.30).
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Essex.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Middlesex.
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Leicestershire.
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Surrey.
BRACKLEY: Northamptonshire v Somerset.
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire.

Taylor may solve a Somerset problem

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Somerset (6 pts) drew with Lancashire (8).

Although the result never looked like anything but a draw, yesterday had its points of interest. The first hour was lost because of overnight rain. The pitch, after such a long dry spell, made a good recovery. Fluctuating sunshine suggested it might become difficult, and the spinners found some turn as the day went on, but the weather was never warm enough to develop what we used to know as a sticky wicket.

Lancashire, 200 for no wicket at the start, took their score to 381 for eight, innings closed, after the 103 overs to which they were entitled, having bowled Somerset out in 97. This gave them a lead of 96 runs. Lloyd and Wood took their first wicket partnership to 265, scoring at five an over in the early period while the pitch was still dead. We were looking up the record Lancashire opening stand when Wood, his century achieved, hit a skier to midwicket, well caught. (They were more than 100 short of the record, which is 368 by MacLaren and Spooner in 1903).

Clive Lloyd came in at No 3, and Lancashire did their best to build a substantial lead quickly, but Breakwell and, more particularly, Close, were now finding some life in the pitch, and wickets kept falling. David Lloyd was caught at slip, only nine runs short of his highest first class score. It was an impressive innings: his hooks and pulls were specially effective yesterday. The only other batsmen to make much impact was Pilling, although he was reduced to No 7 in the order.

Somerset went in with a maximum of three hours to bat. After four overs Hughes and Simmons came on, and attacking fields were set. The bounce and angle of the spinning ball from the pitch was now uncertain. I would have expected a high class, slow left arm bowler to make at least a dent in the Somerset batting, but Hughes, I am afraid, did not bowl very well. He seemed happier when the field was taken back into the familiar one-day positions. David Lloyd himself bowled the better, when he came on, even though limping.

Close and Taylor, helped by many balls of uncertain length, had taken Somerset out of danger by tea time. Close is obviously enjoying opening the innings again, and this second success by Taylor—who scored many runs by a handsome square cut—does indicate, though not yet conclusively, that he may be an answer to one of Somerset's problems.

SOMERSET: First Innings, 285 (D. J. S. Taylor 61, P. W. Denning 54; D. P. Hughes 4 for 43).

Second Innings

†D. J. S. Taylor, not out	59
*D. B. Close, c Wood, b D. Lloyd	32
P. W. Denning, c Wood, b Simmons	5
V. A. Richards, not out	7
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	104

J. M. Parks, G. I. Burgess, I. T. Botham, T. W. Cartwright, D. Breakwell, H. R. Moseley, A. A. Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—75, 2—99.
BOWLING: Lever, 2—1—5—0; Lee, 2—2—0—0; Hughes, 13—5—34—0; Simmons, 28—14—37—1; D. Lloyd, 15—6—27—1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

B. Wood, c Richards, b Jones	101
*D. Lloyd, c Cartwright, b Close	166
C. H. Lloyd, c Denning, b Close	15
F. C. Hayes, b Close	7
D. P. Hughes, c Denning, b Breakwell	5
J. Simmons, c Botham, b Breakwell	23
H. Pilling, not out	54
J. Abrahams, c Burgess, b Close	0
P. Lever, c Parks, b Close	1
†K. Goodwin, not out	6
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 1)	3
Total (8 wkts, 103 overs)	381

P. Lee did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—265, 2—298, 3—309, 4—313, 5—317, 6—349, 7—351, 8—363.
BOWLING: Jones, 14—3—50—1; Moseley, 16—4—55—0; Cartwright, 26—12—58—0; Burgess, 8—1—39—0; Close, 19—1—70—5; Breakwell, 17—0—91—2; Botham, 3—0—15—0.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and P. B. Wight.

Worcestershire v Kent

AT WORCESTER

Worcestershire (16 pts) beat Kent (6) by five wickets.

KENT: First Innings, 302 for 8 (B. W. Luckhurst 100, G. W. Johnson 58).

Second Innings

B. W. Luckhurst, b Holder	0
G. W. Johnson, c Yardley, b Brain	8
*M. H. Denness, not out	35
Asif Iqbal, b Brain	0
R. A. Woolmer, c Cass, b Brain	4
M. C. Cowdrey, c Cass, b Holder	0
A. G. E. Ealham, c Holder, b Gifford	0
†A. P. E. Knott, c D'Oliveira, b Brain	2
B. D. Julien, c Yardley, b Gifford	4
J. N. Shepherd, c Cass, b Gifford	0
D. L. Underwood, lbw, b Gifford	0
Total	59

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—6, 3—10, 4—17, 5—37, 6—37, 7—50, 8—59, 9—59, 10—59.
BOWLING: Holder, 15—6—28—2; Brain, 13—3—30—4; Gifford, 7.5—5—3—4.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 276 for 6 (G. M. Turner, 138 retired hurt).

Second Innings

R. G. A. Headley, c Luckhurst, b Underwood	52
†G. R. Cass, c Luckhurst, b Underwood	3
J. A. Ormrod, c Asif, b Underwood	0
B. L. D'Oliveira, c Luckhurst, b Underwood	13
T. J. Yardley, not out	15
*N. G. Gifford, c Woolmer, b Underwood	0
V. A. Holder not out	0
Extras (n-b 5)	5
Total (5 wkts)	88

G. M. Turner, J. M. Parker, J. D. Inchmore, B. M. Brain, did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—27, 2—37, 3—51, 4—83, 5—83.
BOWLING: Julien, 8—1—28—0; Shepherd, 2—0—16—0; Underwood, 9—4—25—5; Johnson, 3.2—0—16—0.
Umpires: C. Cook and H. Horton.

Warwick v Middlesex

AT BIRMINGHAM

Warwickshire (18pts) beat Middlesex (3pts) by 10 wickets.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 262 (J. M. Brearley 78, A. C. Smith 4 for 49).

Second Innings

M. J. Smith, c Murray, b Brown	1
N. G. Featherstone, b Brown	10
*J. M. Brearley, b Brown	5
C. T. Radley, c M. Smith, b Willis	90
N. P. D. Ross, lbw, b Brown	9
†J. T. Murray, b Willis	26
P. H. Edmonds, not out	12
K. V. Jones, c Rouse, b Willis	0
F. J. Titmus, c Murray, b Rouse	0
M. J. Vernon, c Murray, b Rouse	8
M. W. W. Selvey, c Lewington, b Rouse	17
Extras (b 2, n-b 1)	3
Total	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—14, 3—19, 4—47, 5—142, 6—147, 7—147, 8—148, 9—150, 10—181.
BOWLING: Willis, 19—7—51—3; Brown, 19—5—45—4; A. Smith, 9—4—8—0; Rouse, 10—2—40—3; Lewington, 3—0—20—0; Jameson, 6—3—14—0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 393 for 3 (D. L. Amiss 195, A. I. Kallicharran 127).

Second Innings

D. L. Amiss, not out	29
J. A. Jameson, not out	22
Total (no wkt)	51

A. I. Kallicharran, R. B. Kanhai, M. J. K. Smith, †D. L. Murray, *A. C. Smith, D. J. Brown, S. J. Rouse, R. G. D. Willis, P. J. Lewington did not bat.
BOWLING: Selvey, 6—2—12—0; Titmus, 6—1—13—0; Edmonds, 5.1—0—26—0.
Umpires: C. G. Pepper and J. F. Crapp.

Under-25 competition

CHELMSFORD: Essex, 201; Leicestershire, 150 (N. Hilliard 4 for 50). Essex won by 51 runs.

Cambridge University v Gloucestershire

AT CAMBRIDGE

Gloucestershire beat Cambridge University by an innings and 40 runs.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings, 245 for 9 dec (C. J. Aworth 56)

Second Innings

*W. Snowden, l-b-w, b Procter	7
S. P. Coverdale, c Swetman, b Procter	5
C. J. Aworth, c Swetman, b Procter	7
T. J. Murrills, c Sadiq, b Brown	2
R. I. Smyth, c Milton, b Brown	2
†R. K. Baker, c Shepherd, b Graveney	31
P. Hayes, c Swetman, b Brown	5
E. J. W. Jackson, l-b-w, b Graveney	4
D. Russell, c Procter, b Sadiq	5
M. Field, hit wkt, b Procter	5
R. Fleming, not out	13
Extras (b 1, l-b 3)	4
Total	90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—19, 3—22, 4—22, 5—24, 6—36, 7—53, 8—60, 9—70, 10—90.
BOWLING: Procter, 12.2—7—11—4; Dixon, 5—1—12—0; Sadiq, 10—4—17—1; Brown, 12—5—25—3; Graveney, 11—3—21—2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 375 for 9 dec. (Zaheer Abbas 112).
Umpires: A. G. T. Whitehead and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Second XI competition

HOVE: Sussex II, 290 and 221 for 4 dec; Hampshire II, 160 and 125 (C. Waller 4 for 43, U. C. Joshi 4 for 46). Sussex II won by 226 runs.

Leicester v Indians

At Leicester
Match drawn

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 335 for 6 dec (J. Birkenshaw 70 not out, B. Dudleston 70, J. G. Tolchard 64 not out; B. S. Chandrasekhar 4 for 101).

Second Innings

B. Dudleston, c sub, b Solkar	21
J. F. Steele, b Mankad	57
J. C. Balderstone, lbw, b Lal	1
B. F. Davison, c Patel, b Bedi	35
*R. Illingworth, not out	42
†R. W. Tolchard, not out	33
Extras (b 2, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 2)	7
Total (4 wkts dec)	196

J. G. Tolchard, J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, P. Booth, G. D. McKenzie did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—26, 2—29, 3—68, 4—125.
BOWLING: Lal, 17—3—54—1; Solkar, 20—4—42—1; Bedi, 10—2—35—1; Chandrasekhar, 3—0—17—0; Mankad, 11—0—43—1.

INDIANS: First Innings 300 (E. D. Solkar 75, A. L. Wadekar 136; G. D. McKenzie 4 for 53).

Second Innings

S. S. Naik, lbw, b McVicker	12
E. D. Solkar, c and b Steele	38
*A. L. Wadekar, c Birkenshaw, b Steele	9
G. R. Viswanath, not out	27
A. V. Mankad, not out	16
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total (3 wkts)	103

S. M. Gavaskar, P. B. Patel, S. Madan Lal, †S. M. H. Kirmani, B. S. Bedi, B. S. Chandrasekhar did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—22, 2—45, 3—46.
BOWLING: McKenzie, 4—2—7—0; Booth, 5—1—9—0; McVicker, 4—0—13—1; Steele, 16—3—46—2; Birkenshaw, 13—6—16—0; Dudleston, 4—0—6—0; Balderstone, 4—2—3—0.
Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and G. H. Pope

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Racing

Just the right distance for Bustino

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It is doubtful whether we in England will see a better trial for the Derby than last Saturday's 2,000 Guineas, but that does not mean that races such as today's Ladbroke Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield Park are not of value. They all help to play a part in the piecing together of the intricate classic jigsaw puzzle.

The field this afternoon comprises Bustino, Snow Knight and Meon Hill, who finished first, second and fourth respectively in a similar race run at Sandown Park a fortnight ago, Live Arrow, who has already won over the full Derby course this spring, Hard Choice, Hope of Holland and Sin Y Sin.

Snow Knight, so narrowly beaten by Giacometti in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster last September, was expected to win at Sandown but he was not an easy ride hanging the way that he did and he went under in the end to Bustino beaten half a length. But he was giving the winner 5 lb. Today they will be carrying the same weight. Theoretically, then, the advantage lies with Snow Knight but Bustino is preferred in the belief that being so lightly raced he will have improved enough in the meantime still to keep his head in front.

Bustino is, as his name might suggest, by Busted and he is out of a mare by Doutelle, who has already bred a colt who finished second in the Prix Royal Oak, the French St Leger. With a pedigree like that Bustino ought to be in his element racing over a mile and a half as he will this afternoon for the first time. It was his stamina that won the day at Sandown where the distance of his race was only 10 furlongs.

Meon Hill, two lengths behind him and Snow Knight at Sandown is surely held on form. He also finished behind Snow Knight in the Champagne Stakes. A greater danger could be Live Arrow who won the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Warren Stakes at Epsom last month. He is by the Derby winner, Never Say Die.

Hope of Holland has been beaten in classic trials at Thirsk and Brighton already this season. Sin Y Sin was greatly fancied for the Tote Free Handicap but he ran a wretched race and he was one of the first beaten. In the circumstances it goes against the grain opposing Bustino, whose stable has been in such effervescent form recently.

The Cosmopolitan Cup may be won by the consistent filly Heavenly Form, who ran so well in her first race this season at Newbury, where she was beaten nearly two lengths by Kunpuu. That race was over a mile and I left the course convinced that a race over another two furlongs would suit Heavenly Form better. Now she has her opportunity to prove the point. Her task is far from easy, however.

Take a Reef, the top weight, was a fluent winner at Epsom, although his opposition admittedly did not amount to much. Whistling Shaft and Fanatico, both beaten only narrowly in their last races, promise to be real threats, more dangerous than either of Lady Beaverbrook's two runners, Riboson or Bigribo.

Brian Swift's decision to put blinkers on Major Role has provoked me to break a promise never to select this disappointing colt again for the April the Fifth Handicap. Major Role worked well at home on Tuesday morning when he was wearing them. Tudor Fox is an alternative choice. He reared up as the stalls opened to start the race for the Victoria Cup at Ascot and was left lengths behind. Wisely Terry McKeown accepted that pursuit was pointless immediately, so Tudor Fox was not subjected to a hard race unnecessarily.

The Wray Stakes is likely to be won by Muninga, a sharp filly by St Alphage. She showed her rivals her heels at Epsom last month. She would have finished much closer to the swift filly, Tribal Feast, at Kempton Park if only she had not hung so badly to her left throughout their race that she ended it racing on the left side of the course having begun it on the other side.

The Yellow Pages Handicap is the centrepiece of the racing at Ayr this afternoon. Ten stone is a big weight to hump but I think that Royal Prerogative has the class to meet this challenge even though he must give 26 lb to Loudon Bah, who won his first race at Newcastle so easily. Royal Prerogative won the Victoria Cup, the William Hill Gold Cup and the Ladbroke Ayr Handicap last season. At Ayr he defied 9st 11lb. He began this season in a most encouraging manner by being runner-up to Owen Dudley in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket.

His Australian rider, Michael Goreham, has made a good impression already and he may also win the Montgomerie Stakes for Denys Smith and Brook Holliday on Hard Fighter, who finished fourth in the Glenlivet Handicap at Newmarket 10 days ago. In the meantime the second horse Averof has drawn attention to the strength of that form by winning the Dee Stakes at Chester.

Princely Son and Red Reef ought to give their backers a good run at Ripon where the William Hill Handicap Stakes and the R. W. Armstrong Memorial Challenge Cup are their respective targets. Princely Son showed himself to be in fine fettle when he finished well to win a sprint at Epsom. John Matthias will be anxious not to ask Red Reef to make up as much ground in the straight as he did at Epsom in the Great Metropolitan Handicap in which he was probably unlucky not to finish better than fourth.

The conditions of the Mickley Apprentice Stakes suit Multiple, who finished fourth in the Irish Sweeps Lincoln. I have made a note that Arthur Pitt has engaged Ted Smyth's experienced apprentice Alan Bond to ride Multiple.

Pee Mai and Linda Goodwill, always so difficult to suppress in races confined to women riders, are out to improve their record at Bath where they should win the Haywards Military Pickle Ladies Stakes.

There were two perfect examples of just how unpredictable fillies are apt to be at this time of the year at Lingfield Park yesterday. First, Cley, the much vaunted half-sister to Blakeney and Morston, travelled to the course badly and ran just as indifferently in the Godstone Plate which she was expected to win. Then Riboreen ran away with the Ladbroke Oaks Trial, in the process thrashing Melantha and Evening Venture, both of whom had beaten her decisively in the past.

Brian Taylor rode an enterprising race on Riboreen, who spun round the course like a top and certainly handled the hill far better than her rivals. Taylor had already won the Godstone Plate on Paddy Jack. He hoped to complete a treble by winning the Weir Courtenay Plate on Prebihas but well as this Sahib colt ran he was clearly no match in the end for Paul Alison who was wearing blinkers for the first time.

Riboreen winning the Ladbroke Oaks Trial, with Taylor up, from Thalassa, ridden by Kettle, at Lingfield Park yesterday.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Good. Ayr: Good. Ripon: Good to firm. Bath: Good to firm. Market Rasen: Good to firm. Monday: Ayr: Steeplechase: Hard. Nottingham: Steeplechase: Firm; hurdles: good to firm. Windsor: Good to firm.

Blue Diamond best of six Derby colts

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, May 10

Six colts still holding the Derby engagement run in the £18,182 Prix Hocquart, at Longchamp tomorrow. Of them my selection, Blue Diamond, is the most likely to be at Epsom on June 5. Second in his only two races Blue Diamond is a half brother by Diatome, to Nymbio, who ran Rheffic to a length in the Prix du Jockey-Club three years ago. He should have won his last race, the Prix des Marronniers, run over this course and distance on April 21. His jockey, Bill Pyers, thought that he had the race won after going clear entering the straight. He eased Blue Diamond inside the final furlong, and was caught on the line by Ashmore.

His strongest rival tomorrow is another son of Diatome, Baron Guy de Rothschild's Sean, who finished strongly to be beaten only half a length by Dankaro in the £27,300 Prix Daru on April 21. Kamaraan, who had already won this year, was fifth, four lengths behind Sean, with Chavin further back. Poil de Chameau, beaten four lengths by Blue Diamond when fifth in the Prix Juigne, is also a runner.

At Evry, on April 24, Poil de Chameau was confidently ridden to beat Guerledan in a photo finish. Lester Piggott rides Flushing for Francois Boutin. The combination finished eighth in the Prix de Courcelles on Easter Monday, a race in which Valpolar was third.

The £6,364 Prix de Bagatelle has attracted Odisea, Alumina and Peace and Concorde, all three of whom were involved in a close finish behind Lady Rebecca in the Prix Vanteaux. The only one not to have had a previous run this year, Odisea finished well to be beaten a short neck, with Alumina and Peace and Concorde one length and three-quarters behind. Odisea is a confident selection.

Today the £13,636 Grand Prix D'Evry, is a useful consolation prize for horses a little below top class. In the Grand Prix de Bordeaux last November, Kalidar beat Balompie by a length with the lightly weighted On My Way, a neck and a half a length behind in fourth place. Balompie has the best of the weights this time and should gain revenge. Kalidar and Admetus, winner of four of his last five races, are the dangers.

Main races in France this weekend

GRAND PRIX D'EVRY (Group II: £13,636: 1½m)

3111-31 ADMETUS (Sir M. Sobell), J. Cunnington jnr, 4-9-2 .... M. Philipperon
21311-0 KALIDAR (Aga Khan), F. Mathet, 4-9-0 .... H. Samani
000-002 IRISH ROYAL (Mr L. Axhouse), G. Pererli, 6-9-0 .... A. Lequeux
313-020 CARSYL (Mrs A. Michel), R. Pelat, 4-9-0 .... F. Head
23042-1 BALOMPIE (Comtesse M. Batthyany), A. Penna, 4-8-12 .... J. Cruguet
1324-13 ON MY WAY (Mr N. Beaux), N. Pelat, 4-8-12 .... J. Dupin
10124-2 TEMPIO (Mr G. Oldham), F. Boutin, 4-8-12 .... P. Paquet
01003-1 LUENGE (Mr D. Wildenstein), J. de Chouberski, 4-8-12 .... Y. Saint-Martin
7-2 Balompie, 5-2 Kalidar, 5-1 Tempio, 6-1 Admetus, Luenge, 13-1 Carsyl, 25-1 others.
SELECTION: Balompie.

PRIX DE BAGATELLE (£6,364: 3-y-o fillies: 1m 2½f)

1- MISS JUMP (Mr J. Dolbeau), E. Chevalier du Fau, 9-2 .... Y. Saint-Martin
141-04 PEACE AND CONCORDE (Sir W. Dugdale), G. Bridgland, 9-2 .... Y. Josse
1410-2 ODISEA (Mr E. Echevarria), J. Cunnington jnr, 9-2 .... M. Philipperon
2224-31 WELSH GAME (Mrs E. Bartholomew), P. Bartholomew, 8-12 .... —
1-0 TOBIRA CELESTE (Mr A. Clore), F. Boutin, 8-12 .... P. Paquet
021-030 ALUMINA (Mr N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 8-12 .... S. Leonardo
31-02 TRIGGER HAPPY (Mrs A. Manning), G. Delloye, 8-12 .... W. Pyers
002-021 GAZOLINA (Mrs H. Seneca), J. Laumain, 8-12 .... C. Doleuze
002-30 PHAENEANTE (Mrs H. Seuzet), J. Laumain, 8-12 .... F. Pegurri
0-221 TAMARENDE (Comte P. de Montesson), M. Prud'Homme, 8-12 .... A. Perrotta
7-4 Odisea, 7-2 Alumina, 9-2 Tobira Celeste, 6-1 Trigger Happy, 8-1 Peace and Concorde, 15-1 Tamarende, 25-1 others.
SELECTION: Odisea.

PRIX HOCQUART (Group II: £18,182: 3-y-o colts and fillies: 1½m)

0112-10 KAMARAAN (Aga Khan), F. Mathet, 9-2 .... H. Samani
10-0 FLUSHING (Mr H. Berlin), F. Boutin, 9-2 .... L. Piggott
00-43 VALPOLAR (Mrs G. Courtois), R. Carver, 9-2 .... A. Gibert
2303-33 PLASSAC (Comte C. de Damoierre), J. Sens, 9-2 .... G. Doleuze
02 GUERLEDAN (Vicomte G. du Halgouet), N. Pelat, 9-2 .... J. Dupin
01- AIRPORT (Mrs A. Head), C. Datessen, 9-2 .... F. Head
01 POIL DE CHAMEAU (Baron G. de Rothschild), G. Watson, 9-2 .... —
4114-12 SEAN (Baron G. de Rothschild), G. Watson, 9-2 .... —
2030-10 CHAVIN (Mr R. Scully), J. Fellows, 9-2 .... J. C. Desaint
0 EIGHTEEN CARAT (Mr R. Suter), C. Mahe, 9-2 .... —
22 BLUE DIAMOND (Mrs L. Volterra), M. Zilber, 9-2 .... W. Pyers
9-4 Sean and Poil de Chameau (coupled), 3-1 Blue Diamond, 5-1 Kamaraan, 10-1 Airport, Valpolar, 12-1 Guerledan, 20-1 Flushing, Plassac, 33-1 others.
SELECTION: Blue Diamond.

Horse Show

End of a seven year quest for Ann Moore

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Ann Moore and Psalm won the Merck, Sharp and Dohme so called women's national championship at the Royal Windsor Horse show yesterday—a title which has eluded them since they first tilted at it in 1967. Lady Fraser (formerly Aileen Ross) was runner-up with the only other clear round, 1.3sec slower, on The Millionaire.

The rest of the day in the main arena was devoted to hacks, where Bertie Hill and Mrs Harry Hindle found a novice class of considerable merit awaiting them at 8.20 am in contrast to the dismal array a year ago.

Singing Society, formerly ridden in jumping and combined training competitions by Mrs Josh Gifford, had the edge over the less seasoned horses and duly won. Now seven years old, he was ridden by Jane Bullen. Mrs McMillan rode the six-year-old Scotch Mist into second place, and Jennie Loriston-Clarke was third on a most promising four-year-old small hack for Miss Betsy Profumo and Mrs Stirling. Bred by Mrs Nigel Pease, by Commandeer out of the pony mare Prudence, he went well on his first appearance in the ring, and was also third in the open class to the Wembley winner, Daldorn Charlotte.

For the second year running, Robert Oliver and Young Apelles won the over 15 hands class and look like taking the title again. Eighteen teams took the field for the first leg of the Barclays Bank international driving grand prix. At the end of the day, after they had been judged for presentation and dressage, Britain were well in the lead, with Douglas Nicholson's team of chestnut gelderlanders on 39 penalty points, followed by Mrs Frank Haydon's team of bay hackneys on 41, and Colonel John Miller with the Queen's oldenbergs in third place on 44 points.

Enthusiasts dashed up the M4 in the afternoon for the annual general meeting of the Hunters Improvement Society, where the vexed question of the Society's ruling banning hobdayed horses (those who have been operated on for wind afflictions) from the ring, both in show and working hunter classes, was thoroughly aired.

The whole subject came under debate last season when the ex-chaser, Princes Street, whose owner Vincent Toulson made no secret of the fact that this lovely horse had been hobdayed, won the championship at all the leading shows and was sold to the South Essex finance group for £10,000, a sum for a hunter.

Unfortunately, a few disgr opponents protested to the So that their animals were being sistently, beaten by an unso horse. Some members of veterinary profession decla hobdayed horse to be unso others cite the case of the most successful three-day e horses in the world, the Oly gold medal winner The Po and Cornishman V, in additio steeplechasers such as L'Esca who have proved themselves as good as they were before wind was affected.

In view of the pressure bro upon them, the Society's co brought in a ruling last autu the effect that hobdayed h were debarred from future co tions. The show horse, they tain, must be a perfect spe and horses who have unde operations, however succe are not.

A small splinter group plans to form an owners' as tion was present at the me raising several valid points, forced by a veterinary surge the person of Michael Gi whose father, George Gibso Oakham, is one of the leade the profession, specializing horses. The situation has reached a state of *impasse*, neither side inclined to giv inch of ground. But Co Hurrell, the president, hintec the situation might be rev next year insofar as wo hunter classes are concer which leads us to the illogical ation whereby a horse is consi to be sound in one class, ye sound in another.

Feelings are running high i horse world, and there are t to be said in favour of each of view. The tragedy appea be the loss of horses like Pr Street and Admiral from the ring, to which they contribut much.

NOVICE HACK: 1, R. Dean's Society (Miss J. Bullen); 2, J. A. Scotch Mist (Mrs J. O. McMillan); 3, E. Profumo and Mrs W. Stirling's Len Moon River (A. G. Loriston-Clarke).

SMALL HACKS: 1, Mrs P. Fle Daldorn Charlotte; 2, Miss S. A. Aquarius; 3, Lemington Moon River.

LARGE HACKS: 1, Mrs D. Jol's Apelles (R. Oliver); 2, Miss S. Ros Ridgewood Venture; 3, Mrs R. Montezo.

SMALL HUNTERS: 1, N. Gr Smasher; 2, Miss M. Porter's Ca Crowns (D. Tatlow); 3, Mrs L. E. Fen Hill.

MERCK, SHARP AND D WOMEN'S SHOW JUMPING: 1, Moore's Psalm; 2, Lady Ross's Th Rosaire; 3, Miss J. Randall's Nanth

Lingfield Park programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 APPLEBLOSSOM STAKES (2-y-o: £591: 5f)

105 (5) 0 Belle Noire (Mrs S. Sutton), J. Powney, 8-5 .... G. Starkey
107 (2) Callanish (Lord Weir), H. Price, 8-5 .... A. Murray
109 (4) Panomark (Mr R. Clifford-Turner), P. Nelson, 8-5 .... B. Taylor
110 (3) 3 Queezy (Maj J. Pope), H. Candy, 8-5 .... J. Mercer
111 (1) Coming About (Mrs J. Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-2 .... W. Carson
6-4 Queezy, 3-1 Callanish, 9-2 Coming About, 6-1 Panomark, 7-1 Belle Noire.

2.0 APRIL THE FIFTH HANDICAP (£1,082: 7f 140yds)

201 (13) 21200-3 Fabled Diplomat (Mrs L. Schwitzer jun), R. Armstrong, 4-10-0 .... A. Murray
203 (5) 214120- Broker's Folly (Mr G. Pritchard-Gordon), G. P-Gordon, 4-9-5 .... T. Stothard 7
204 (4) 1100-00 Tudor Fox (Mr A. Samuel), Doug Smith, 4-8-12 .... E. Eldin
207 (8) 3000-00 Mostly Henry (B) (Mr B. Barnett), B. Swift, 4-8-7 .... B. Taylor
208 (11) 442213- Court Melody (Mr B. Whitham), J. Sutcliffe jun, 4-8-7 .... B. Rouse
209 (6) 12113-0 Bracklesham Bay (Mr F. Pontin), J. E. Sutcliffe, 4-8-7 .... W. Carson
210 (10) 0411-02 Quite Sweet (Mr H. Coker), P. Taylor, 5-8-6 .... R. Wernham 7
212 (7) 401-000 Major Role (B) (Mr B. Shine), B. Swift, 4-8-6 .... G. Lewis
216 (9) 010200- Royal Imp (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), R. Smyth, 4-8-1 .... R. Blackmore
217 (12) 00-1 Old Sid (Mr P. Levy), J. Powney, 4-8-0 .... P. Eddery
220 (2) 030 Sovereign Palace (B) (Mr R. Moller), H. Wragg, 4-7-7 .... D. Cullen
221 (1) 0300-00 Shoulder Alms (Mr A. Budgett), A. Budgett, 6-7-7 .... K. Woodburn 7
222 (3) 24000- Tallartha Polly (Col Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 4-7-7 .... M. Thomas
6-4 Fabled Diplomat, 5-1 Bracklesham Bay, 9-2 Major Role, 6-1 Broker's Folly, 8-1 Court Melody, 10-1 Old Sid, 12-1 Tudor Fox, 20-1 others.

2.30 DERBY TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £7,728: 1½m)

302 (2) 3-1 Bustino (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Mercer
308 (3) 00-00 Hard Choice (Lord Cadogan), S. James, 9-0 .... E. Johnson
309 (7) 342-033 Hope of Holland (Mr G. van der Ploeg), C. Brittain, 9-0 .... M. Kettle
310 (1) 01040-1 Live Arrow (D) (Mr D. Lark), W. Marshall, 9-0 .... R. Marshall
311 (4) 1240-4 Meon Hill (Mrs F. Bierer), B. Hobbs, 9-0 .... B. Jago
314 (6) 11131-0 Sin Y Sin (Dr J. Sahagun), R. Smyth, 9-0 .... G. Lewis
315 (5) 12120-2 Snow Knight (Mrs N. Phillips), P. Nelson, 9-0 .... B. Taylor
6-4 Bustino, 2-1 Snow Knight, 6-1 Live Arrow, 10-1 Meon Hill, 12-1 Sin Y Sin, 20-1 Hope of Holland, 33-1 Hard Choice.

3.0 COSMOPOLITAN CUP HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,618: 1¼m)

401 (2) 13310-1 Take a Reef (D) (Mr A. Villar), B. Hobbs, 9-4 .... J. Gorton
402 (1) 21121-0 Heavenly Form (C) (Mrs S. Bartelott), P. Walwyn, 8-10 .... P. Eddery
403 (3) 3000-00 Basil (Mr S. Haggert), C. Mitchell, 8-9 .... P. Cook
404 (4) 03130-4 Riboson (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 8-7 .... J. Mercer
405 (7) 23122-3 Whistling Shaft (Mr E. Windsor), G. P-Gordon, 8-6 .... B. Taylor
406 (6) 0021-0 Bigribo (Lady Beaverbrook), A. Breasley, 8-2 .... G. Lewis
409 (5) 000-2 Fanatico (Mr Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 7-9 .... E. Johnson
412 (8) 023-000 Whitchurch (Mr P. Frost), N. Callaghan, 7-0 .... D. Cullen
5-2 Take a Reef, 100-30 Bigribo, 4-1 Riboson, 6-1 Fanatico, Heavenly Form, 8-1 Whistling Shaft, 16-1 others.

3.30 WRAY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £573: 5f)

502 (6) 31 Muninga (D) (Mr B. Cantle), J. Winter, 8-13 .... B. Taylor
503 (7) Biekka (Mr J. Coggan), R. Houghton, 8-9 .... J. Mercer
505 (5) Hurricane Sal (Mr M. Platt), C. Benstead, 8-9 .... J. Errington 7
506 (3) Pampardeila (Mrs P. Bonet), A. Davison, 8-9 .... R. Hutchinson
508 (1) 0 Precious Girl (Mr R. Khan), C. Brittain, 8-9 .... M. Kettle
509 (2) Scrumptious (Miss D. Terry), W. Wightman, 8-9 .... —
511 (4) Trakkelo (Mrs C. Boucher), C. Benstead, 8-9 .... B. Rouse
4-5 Muninga, 4-1 Biekka, 6-1 Pampardeila, Precious Girl, 10-1 Scrumptious, 20-1 others.

4.0 FOUR ELMS HANDICAP (£1,027: 1¼m)

601 (3) 211131- La Linea (CD) (B) (Cmdr K. Grant), G. P-Gordon, 4-9-12 .... C. Williams
602 (7) 1322-00 Native Rebel (D) (B) (Mr D. Underwood), D. Underwood, 4-9-8 .... G. Old
603 (5) 4023-00 Aldie (D) (Mr P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-9-5 .... W. Coehlan 7
605 (2) 0124- Anji (D) (Mr G. Coleman), J. Sutcliffe jun, 5-8-8 .... B. Rouse
607 (4) 100-0 Regal Mask (Mr W. Maskell), S. Kerr, 4-8-7 .... B. Jago
609 (10) 0012-30 Fig Tree (D) (B) (Maj V. McCalmont), P. Nelson, 4-8-7 .... B. Taylor
610 (9) 2020-23 Red Man (Mr R. McCormick), C. Mitchell, 5-8-4 .... R. Wernham 7
611 (8) 000-044 Tudor Jewel (Mr B. Wise), B. Wise, 6-8-0 .... H. Ballantine 5
613 (6) 23040-3 Paddlesworth (D), Mrs R. Lingham, P. Supple, 7-7-10 .... D. Cullen
614 (1) 40401- Bumble Boy (Mr P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 5-7-9 .... M. Thomas
7-2 Red Man, 4-1 La Linea, 5-1 Aldie, 6-1 Regal Mask, 6-1 Anji, Paddlesworth, 10-1 Fig Tree, 12-1 Bumble Boy, 16-1 others.

4.30 BATNORS STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £544: 7f 140yds)

1 (16) 0-00 Attalas (Lady Beaverbrook), A. Breasley, 9-0 .... W. Carson
2 (12) 004-0 Barron Boy (Essa Alshalfai), H. Price, 9-0 .... A. Crew 7
7 (6) 0001 Full Value (Sir J. Thorn), D. Rimmer, 9-0 .... F. Durr
11 (8) 0- L'Eveque (Mr L. Van Moppes), S. Budgett, 9-0 .... G. Baxter
14 (15) 2-32 Montreal Boy (Mr C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 9-0 .... G. Starkey
15 (4) 0-0 Silly Answer (Mrs C. Emmet), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-0 .... J. Gorton
18 (7) 000- Bluets (Mr R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... G. Ramshaw
20 (1) 0320-00 Bona Fide (Mr W. Tait), P. Supple, 8-11 .... B. Jago
21 (5) 0-00 Cloondara (Lady Wyfold), N. Vigors, 8-11 .... P. Cook
25 (13) 00-0 Fifth Avenue (Mr Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... E. Johnson
32 (10) 02- Future Chance (Lt-Col J. Hornung), N. Murless, 8-11 .... G. Lewis
35 (2) 0-04 Lucky Libra (Mr K. Maharaj), H. Price, 8-11 .... A. Murray
40 (9) 000- Modom (Mrs H. Edwards), W. Wightman, 8-11 .... J. Mercer
42 (11) 000-0 Our Friend (Mr R. Clifford-Turner), P. Nelson, 8-11 .... B. Taylor
44 (3) 0 Phyl's Pet (Mr W. Sotter), H. Smyth, 8-11 .... P. Proc
45 (14) 0- Princess Debra (Mr R. Khan), C. Brittain, 8-11 .... M. Kettle
50 (18) 000200- Scottish Lantern (Mr C. Sheppard), M. Goswell, 8-11 .... B. Rouse
53 (17) 0000- Surtout (Mrs J. Matthews), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... E. Eldin
9-4 Montreal Boy, 11-4 Future Chance, 7-2 Lucky Libra, 6-1 L'Eveque, 10-1 Attalas, Bluets, 20-1 others.

5.0 BATNORS STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £541: 7f 140yds)

5 (4) 000- Far Cry (Mr F. Holland), R. Hannon, 9-0 .... F. Durr
6 (6) 3030-0 Findon Lad (Mrs D. Olley), H. Price, 9-0 .... A. Murray
8 (17) 0-0 Hey Romeo (Mr J. Barker), A. Breasley, 9-0 .... T. Carter
9 (12) 0-0 Hill Top (Mr M. Lane), H. Smyth, 9-0 .... G. Starkey
10 (15) 00 King's Walk (Mr G. Biggs), S. Ingham, 9-0 .... G. Ramshaw
12 (11) 23-0 London Glory (Mr D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 .... B. Raymond
13 (9) Rashin (Mrs S. Bates), J. Sutcliffe jun, 8-11 .... B. Rouse
24 (2) 40-0 Easter Sauce (Mr C. Youngman), Mrs Oughton, 8-11 .... W. Carson
[illegible]
[illegible] 0- Happy River (Mrs F. Bullock-Marsham), P. Supple, 8-11 .... T. Bridge 7
[illegible] 00230-0 Historic Legend (Mrs R. Maple), R. Smyth, 8-11 .... [illegible]
36 (13) 000- Majour (Exors of the late Mr J. Craig), C. Mitchell, 8-11 .... P. Cook
[illegible] 000- Miss Leas (Mrs P. Knight), G. Smyth, 8-11 .... G. Lewis
41 (16) My Carminette (Mr R. Bradbury), J. Holt, 8-11 .... —
43 (10) 3- Petocracy (Dr J. Hobby), R. Houghton, 8-11 .... P. Eddery
49 (7) 00-4 Rock Mint (Lord Fairhaven), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... J. Gorton
52 (3) 000-0 Sunday Walk (Mr J. Hallerat), J. Dunlop, 8-11 .... R. Hutchinson
4-1 Findon Lad, 9-2 London Glory, 5-1 Petocracy, 6-1 Rock Mint, 8-1 Miss Leas, 10-1 Historic Legend, Hey Romeo, 12-1 King's Walk, Rashin, 20-1 others.

Ayr programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 WILLS EMBASSY STAKES (2-y-o: £836: 5f)

1 (2) 01 Carnles (D), Denys Smith, 9-4 .... M. Goreham
3 (1) 111 Jimmylyn (D), D. Thom, 9-4 .... E. Hide
10 (3) 3 Friendly Carmoni, G. Richards, 8-11 .... D. Quinn 7
13 (4) 00 Sky David, S. Brewster, 8-11 .... M. Vickers 7
5-4 Carnles, 11-8 Jimmylyn, 9-2 Friendly Carmoni, 33-1 Sky David.

2.0 CARRICK HANDICAP (£860: 1m 5f)

1 (7) 12242-3 Hell's Gate, J. W. Watts, 4-10-0 .... T. Hide
2 (1) 03-2 Pierino, D. Sasse, 4-9-? .... M. Goreham
3 (4) 0300-01 Sky Tour (CD), Denys Smith, 4-8-12 .... P. Kelleher
5 (3) 2-03013 Hooked Again (B), G. Richards, 5-8-3 .... T. O'Ryan 5
8 (6) 004-121 Murton Crags, J. Craig, 5-8-2 .... K. Leason
9 (5) 130-000 Perfect Match, J. Calvert, 8-7-12 .... J. Lowe
12 (2) 034-003 Stan Flashman, F. Carr, 4-7-12 .... C. Dwyer
17 (5) 000-00 Lawfalls, P. Poston, 3-7-7 .... A. Fairchild 7
9-4 Pierino, 3-1 Sky Tour, 7-2 Murton Crags, 9-2 Hell's Gate, 8-1 Stan Flashman, 12-1 Hooked Again, 14-1 others.

2.30 YELLOW PAGES HANDICAP (£3,446: 1m)

1 (1) 12100-2 Royal Prerogative (D), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 .... M. Goreham
3 (6) 403100- Downstream (C), G. Richards, 5-8-13 .... D. Quinn 7
4 (2) 00000-4 Mavandra (C), N. Angus, 4-8-3 .... S. McDougal 5
5 (4) 0000-42 Double Sensation (D), B. Hanbury, 4-8-6 .... E. Hide
6 (9) 400200- Proof Positive, W. A. Stephenson, 5-8-5 .... P. Kelleher
7 (8) 00430-1 London Bah (CD), J. W. Watts, 4-8-2 .... J. Lowe
8 (10) 40-0442 Bronze Hill (CD) (B), M. H. Easterby, 5-8-1 .... G. Brown
9 (7) 0200-30 Anak Malaysia (D), E. Cousins, 5-7-13 .... S. Perks
10 (5) 01010-0 Princely Mount (CD), R. Hollinshead, 4-7-12 .... T. Ives
11 (3) 220000- Le Coq D'Or (CD), G. Richards, 4-7-11 .... T. O'Ryan 5
5-2 Royal Prerogative, 4-1 London Bah, 5-1 Double Sensation, Anak Malaysia, 6-1 Bronze Hill, 10-1 Downstream, Princely Mount, 12-1 others.

3.0 MONTGOMERIE STAKES (3-y-o: £864: 7f)

3 (6) 3200-32 Double River, E. Carr, 9-1 .... B. Connorton
5 (1) 231030- Final Light, C. Crossley, 8-12 .... G. Cadwaladr
6 (7) 04-0107 Connecticut (D), T. Craig, 8-10 .... K. Leason
7 (9) 0-104 Hard Fighter (D), Denys Smith, 8-10 .... M. Goreham
8 (3) 10002-0 Wiltish, G. Richards, 8-10 .... D. Quinn 7
10 (2) 40100-0 [illegible], W. Atkinson, 8-7 .... P. Kelleher
11 (4) -11- Off Scent, N. Angus, 8-7 .... T. Ives
12 (5) 03 *[illegible], E. Cousins, 8-3 .... —
13 (8) 0-00 Manteca, N. Murless, 8-3 .... A. Barclay
9-4 Double River, 4-1 Off Scent, 9-2 Hard Fighter, 5-1 Manteca, 7-1 Connecticut, 12-1 Wiltish, 14-1 others.

3.30 BELMONT HANDICAP (£785: 6f)

1 (5) Verily Sam (D), W. Cotes, 9-7 .... M. Goreham
2 (3) 32310-0 Rock Signal (D), R. D. Peacock, 8-9 .... E. Hide
3 (1) 000-010 Gold Loom (D), W. Gray, 8-8 .... P. Robinson 7
4 (4) 000-21 Kernel Rose (C), N. Angus, 8-8 .... S. McDougal 5
6 (9) 040-000 Docherty, T. Fairhurst, 8-8 .... B. Connorton
7 (2) 3100-00 Power Club (C) (D), A. Balding, 8-3 .... J. Balding
8 (6) 0-31 Highland Falls (D), E. Carr, 8-3 .... W. Bentley
11 (7) 020-001 Mr Manacle (D) (B), K. Whitehead, 7-7 .... J. Skilling
11-4 Kernel Rose, 3-1 Highland Falls, 9-2 Rock Signal, Verily Sam, 6-1 Mr Manacle, 8-1 Gold Loom, 10-1 others.

4.0 COUNTY STAKES (3-y-o: £600: 6f)

1 (5) 00-0 Battle Flag, S. Hall, 9-0 .... W. Bentley
3 (2) 00 Buckfastleigh, T. Fairhurst, 9-0 .... S. Perks
4 (15) 03 Fairgold, F. Carr, 9-0 .... E. Carter
5 (21) 00000-0 Namboar, W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 .... T. Davies 7
6 (17) 0000-02 Queensway, D. H. Williams, 9-0 .... L. G. Brown
8 (5) 00-0003 Royal River, A. Thomas, 9-0 .... J. Skilling
9 (10) Ronard, A. Balding, 9-0 .... J. Balding
10 (1) 0-00043 Selaby's Hope, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .... T. Ives
13 (6) 0- Turnkey, N. Murless, 9-0 .... A. Barclay
15 (15) 02020-0 Westport, R. D. Peacock, 9-0 .... A. Horrocks
17 (18) d34228- Donnachant, W. Gray, 8-11 .... E. Apter
18 (19) 340-4 Femme Fatale, N. Angus, 8-11 .... S. McDougal 5
21 (12) 0030-4 Gay Nipper, J. Ormston, 8-11 .... B. Connorton
22 (7) 32040-0 Happy Goddess, Denys Smith, 8-11 .... M. Goreham
23 (9) 000-000 Hardinge Arms (B), V. Mitchell, 8-11 .... D. Letherby
24 (20) 0023- Jamar, J. W. Watts, 8-11 .... E. Hide
25 (13) 0000-00 Karambella, G. Wallace, 8-11 .... A. McManus 7
26 (4) 33400-2 Princess Jewel (B), R. Barnes, 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr
28 (12) 0- Traveller Girl, T. Craig, 8-11 .... K. Leason
29 (2) 0-2 Tze-Hsi, W. Haigh, 8-11 .... [illegible]
30 (3) 0- Whiffling Goose, (——), 8-11 .... D. Smith
4-1 Fairgold, 11-2 Princess Jewel, 6-1 Turnkey, Jamar, 8-1 Queensway, Selaby's Hope, 10-1 Battle Flag, Donnachant, 14-1 Happy Goddess, Femme Fatale, 16-1 others.

4.30 KYLE STAKES (2-y-o: £561: 5f)

1 (5) 1 Comic Song (D), R. D. Peacock, 9-1 .... E. Hide
2 (2) 1 Natively (D), E. Cousins, 9-1 .... G. Cadwaladr
7 (2) 0 Childerditch, P. Poston, 8-8 .... S. McDougal 5
10 (1) Ferrous Coin, A. Balding, 8-8 .... J. Balding
14 (4) Miss Sowle, A. Thomas, 8-8 .... J. Skilling
21 (3) Y-Viva-Espana, A. Brewster, 8-8 .... M. Vickers 7
4-5 Natively, 11-10 Comic Song, 10-1 Ferrous Coin, 14-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Ayr selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Jimmylyn. 2.0 Pierino. 2.30 Royal Prerogative. 3.0 HARD FIGHTER is specially recommended. 3.30 Rock Signal. 4.0 Turnkey. 4.30 Natively.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Jimmylyn. 2.30 Double Sensation. 3.0 Manteca. 4.0 Turnkey.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Queezy. 2.0 Major Role. 2.30 BUSTINO is specially recommended. 3.0 Heavenly Form. 3.30 Muninga. 4.0 Paddlesworth. 4.30 Montreal Boy. 5.0 Rock Mint.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Coming About. 2.0 Sovereign Palace. 2.30 Meon Hill. 3.0 Fanatico. 3.30 Muninga. 4.30 Fifth Avenue. 5.0 London Glory.

Bath programme

2.0 HAYWARDS WOMEN'S STAKES (£554: 1½m)

1 (12) 21210-1 Pee Mai (D), A. Goodwill, [illegible] .... L. Goodwill
[illegible] Arnot, W. Williams, [illegible] .... M. Fennell
[illegible] 00-11 Beaming Lee, J. Thorne, [illegible] .... J. Thorne
4 (12) 22000-0 Cargo (D), B. Hills, [illegible] .... S. H[illegible]
5 (3) 0000-00 City Gloves, R. Houghton, [illegible] .... G. [illegible] Houghton
[illegible] 214200- Palmeira Square, D. Bunn, [illegible]
[illegible] 2221-11 Successor (D), P. Turnell, [illegible] .... J. Penn
[illegible] Mene, [illegible] .... A. Gilbert
[illegible] 0000-40 Hornbeam (D), R. Armstrong, [illegible]
[illegible] Palastar (B), [illegible] .... C. Stevens
[illegible] Toa Cohr, D. Darnall, [illegible] .... D. Darnall
[illegible] Beckingham, R. Turnell, [illegible] .... B. Sanders
[illegible] 030403- Good Argument, W. Marshall, [illegible] .... M. Lovell
[illegible] 0400-0 Pigliuchetti, [illegible] .... F. Mellor
[illegible] Resom, M. Tate, [illegible] .... C. Morris
9-4 Pee Mai, 5-1 Successor, 9-2 Beaming Lee, 7-1 Palastar, 14-1 Good Argument, 14-1 City Gloves, Palmeira Square, 20-1 others.

2.30 FRANCASAL STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £277: 5f)

1 (2) 004 Corner Try (B), D. Keith, 9-0 .... P. Waldron
2 (4) Linder's Lad, J. Bradley, 9-0 .... [illegible]
3 (7) River Beat, G. Balding, 9-0 .... W. Nicholson
6 (1) 3 Tombstone Close, B. Leigh, 9-0 .... D. Dineen 7
9 (6) 00 Chad's Penny, R. Hannon, 8-11 .... —
11 (3) 30 Royal Pall Mall (B), [illegible], 8-11 .... [illegible]
12 (5) 0 Retkink, A. Dalton, 8-11 .... G. Duffield
5-4 Corner Try, 11-4 Tombstone Close, 4-1 Royal Pall Mall, 13-2 Chad's Penny, 10-1 River Beat, 16-1 others.

3.0 BOX HANDICAP (£638: 2m 1f 25yds)

1 (11) 00033-0 [illegible], J. Thorne, [illegible] .... F. Morby
3 (12) 00210-0 [illegible], J. S. Evans, [illegible] .... J. Lynch
4 (3) 4240-44 Bella Figura, K. Cundell, [illegible] .... R. Middleton
[illegible] 001-0 Pocket Picker, F. Cundell, [illegible] .... G. Duffield
[illegible] Avella, [illegible] .... J. Reid
[illegible] 2340-00 [illegible], I. Balding, [illegible] .... P. Waldron
[illegible] 23020-0 Queen's Treasure (C), [illegible]
[illegible] Hyperion (B), O. Gandolfo, [illegible] .... C. Leonard
14 (9) 23011-0 Golden Tudor (B), [illegible] .... R. Still
[illegible] The Tune, [illegible]
[illegible] 2-01009 White Prince, G. Balding, [illegible] .... T. McKeown
[illegible]
[illegible] Tudor Drake, [illegible]
[illegible]

3.30 MONUMENT STAKES (2-y-o: £542: 5f)

2 (15) 0 Chunky (B), Mrs Lomax, [illegible]
3 (16) 040 [illegible]
[illegible] Forefront, [illegible]
[illegible] 0 [illegible], R. Vibert, 9-0 .... R. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Ponderosa, [illegible]
[illegible] Predatory, [illegible]
[illegible] Sky Myth, [illegible]
[illegible] 040 Young Alex, [illegible]
[illegible] Flame Bird, F. Cundell, [illegible] .... G. Duffield
[illegible] Flasher, [illegible]
[illegible] 02 Just As Sweet, D. Hanley, [illegible]
[illegible] Miss Golightly, [illegible]
[illegible] Moon Wind, J. Cann, [illegible]
[illegible] The Quo, W. Williams, [illegible] .... W. Wilkinson
2-1 Predatory, 11-4 Just As Sweet, 9-2 [illegible], 15-2 Young Alex, 10-1 Flame Bird, 12-1 Miss Golightly, 14-1 Chunky, 20-1 others.

4.0 CHAPEL FARM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £654: 5f 167yds)

1 (15) 31100-0 Slipperty, R. Houghton, 8-12 .... F. Morby
3 (9) 0230-11 Hopeful Quaker, R. Smyth, 8-2 .... I. Jenkinson
4 (8) 02220- Manche, W. Hern, 8-2 .... R. Elliott
5 (?) 20010-3 Strathoykel, M. Prescott, 7-11 .... G. Duffield
6 (13) 414020- Ayr Jet, K. Cundell, 7-10 .... R. Middleton
7 (4) 400-101 Story Teller, A. Stevens, 7-6 .... R. Baker 5
10 (10) 03045- Sea Angel, T. Corrie, 7-8 .... A. Sivitar
11 (6) 0000-31 Tamarmina, R. Vibert, 7-8 .... R. Still
12 (1) 000000- Sunny Wonder, V. Cross, 7-6 .... R. Hart
13 (?) 00000- Jamque, J. S. Evans, 7-6 .... —
15 (12) 000-0 Silver Angel, H. Price, 7-5 .... C. Leonard
17 (14) 0-02043 Lazay, T. Darling, 7-5 .... T. McKeown
18 (?) 4040-00 Magna Charter (B), V. Cross, 7-4 .... R. Reader
21 (11) 0000-0 Hard To Catch, P. Taylor, 7-0 .... R. Fox 7
22 (5) 000-0 Aberdeen Fool, A. Jones, 7-0 .... —
9-4 Hopeful Quaker, 100-30 Strathoykel, 9-2 Story Teller, 13-2 Tamarmina, Lazay, 10-1 Manche, 12-1 Slipperty, 20-1 others.

4.30 MIDSOMER NORTON HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £648: 1¼m)

1 (11) 004120- Tamilian, H. Candy, 8-7 .... J. Lynch
2 (3) 3040-13 Doodle, I. Balding, 8-2 .... P. Waldron
3 (?) 210-3 Camdamus, A. Budgett, 8-2 .... B. Sami
4 (10) 123460- Manipulation, T. Dorling, 8-1 .... T. McKeown
9 (?) 31-0 Dismantle, W. Hern, 7-13 .... R. Elliott
10 (?) 01300-0 Ho Hang, Mrs Lomax, 7-8 .... A. Launchbury
11 (2) 404301- Jer Beam, J. S. Evans, 7-7 .... —
12 (6) 03130-0 Ciarlmorin, H. Price, 7-6 .... C. Leonard
13 (?) 00-00 Beer Flavour, R. Hannon, 7-5 .... —
15 (4) 000-0 Brule De Neige, G. Balding, 7-1 .... R. Fox 7
5-2 Doodle, 7-2 Camdamus, 9-2 Dismantle, 7-1 Tamilian, 10-1 Ho Hang, 12-1 Manipulation, Ciarlmorin, 20-1 others.

5.0 WEST LITTLETON STAKES (3-y-o: £565: 1m 3f 150yds)

2 (17) Bob Yankee, D. H. Jones, 9-0 .... —
3 (13) 30320-0 Charente (B), H. Candy, 9-0 .... R. Elliott
5 (14) 00- Eagle Owl, G. Balding, 9-0 .... W. Nicholson
6 (16) 02040-0 Galindo, W. Hern, 9-0 .... B. Procter
10 (?) 00- Hob Nob, A. Pitt, 9-0 .... P. Tulk
15 (15) 00030-0 Macturk, N. Vigors, 9-0 .... F. Morby
16 (?) 3000-40 Scottish Cavalier, G. Hunter, 9-0 .... T. McKeown
[illegible] Sporting Tour, G. P-Hobbs, 9-0 .... [illegible]
[illegible] Stanway Lad, [illegible], 9-0 .... J. Williams
20 (6) 030-0 Tame Prince, J. Johnson, 9-0 .... J. Lynch
[illegible] 03-0 Expensive, I. Balding, 8-11 .... P. Waldron
[illegible] 000-0 Forlorn Raid, L. Kennard, 8-11 .... C. Leonard
[illegible] 00- Mandarelle, G. P-Hobbs, 8-11 .... —
[illegible] 00- Naria, I. Corrie, 8-11 .... D. Ryan
[illegible] 3200-03 Petite Royale, R. Hannon, 8-11 .... —
[illegible] 200000- Ruggles Pet, R. Vibert, 8-11 .... J. Logie
[illegible] Santa Chiara, H. Price, 8-11 .... G. Kyle
[illegible] 0 Strudel, D. Ancil, 8-11 .... R. Reader
[illegible] 0 Tudor Moss, P. Bailey, 8-11 .... G. Duffield
5-2 Expensive, 100-30 Charente, 4-1 Galindo, 7-1 Santa Chiara, 8-1 Petite Royale, 10-1 Scottish Cavalier, 13-2 Tame Prince, 20-1 others.

Bath selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Pee Mai. 2.30 Corner Try. 3.0 Bella Figura. 3.30 Flame Bird. 4.0 Hopeful Quaker. 4.30 Dismantle. 5.0 Macturk.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
4.0 Lazay. 4.30 Manipulation.

Ripon programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 TRIAL HANDICAP (3-y-o selling: £479: 1m)

3 (11) 04400-0 Slipbury, W. Wharton, 8-11 .... B. Clotworthy 7
4 (8) 303-014 Poco Bueno, D. Weeden, 8-10 .... G. Oldroyd
8 (10) 3004-02 Take, L. Shedden, 8-7 .... G. Sexton
9 (3) 3020-00 French Rose, K. Whitehead, 8-5 .... T. Price 7
10 (2) 0-000 Hala Hala, D. Marks, 8-5 .... P. Madden
15 (4) 00-0243 Whatsname (B), J. Hardy, 8-0 .... C. Moss
17 (7) 000-0 Dalaric, A. Bastiman, 7-13 .... A. Cousins
18 (6) 00-400 One Ambition (B), T. Kellett, 7-10 .... M. Birch
20 (9) 00-030 Walkaton, K. Payne, 7-3 .... S. Eccles 7
23 (5) 00-0 Miss Madeleine (B), E. Magner, 7-0 .... M. Wood 7
24 (1) 00-0000 Avoess-Tracy (B), S. Nesbitt, 7-0 .... S. Salmon 7
5-2 Take, 7-2 Whatsname, 4-1 Poco Bueno, 5-1 Slipbury, French Rose, 10-1 Walkaton, 12-1 One Ambition, 16-1 others.

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (£1,628: 6f)

1 (1) 21010-0 Carlogie (D), P. Davey, 4-10-0 .... C. Wigham 5
2 (2) 2123-21 Princely Son (D), K. Cundell, 5-9-9 .... J. Matthias 5
3 (4) 10120-0 Chantro (CD), J. W. Watts, 4-9-7 .... G. Sexton
5 (3) 41041-1 Jeune Premier (D), W. Payne, 5-9-5 .... R. Edmondson
7-4 Princely Son, 5-2 Jeune Premier, 7-2 Carlogie, 4-1 Chantro.

2.45 R. W. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP (£1,996: 2m)

1 (2) 4110-0 Laurentian Hills, R. Armstrong, 4-10-0 .... J. Egan
2 (8) 0130-21 Red Reef (D), I. Balding, 6-8-13 .... J. Matthias 5
4 (3) 010 Scoria (CD), C. Crossley, 8-8-8 .... G. Mullin 7
8 (1) 000201- Mrs Child (D), S. Hall, 6-8-3 .... O. Gray 5
10 (5) 201-300 Silver Bing (C), D. Weeden, 7-8-0 .... J. Enes 5
11 (4) 30121-0 Potent Councillor (D), H. Cottrill, 6-7-13 .... R. Wabey 7
14 (6) 0-00000 High Mark, S. Nesbitt, 4-7-7 .... E. Marshall
15 (7) 00 Dacre Arms (D) (B), E. Collingwood, 6-7-7 .... D. McKay
5-4 Red Reef, 3-1 Laurentian Hills, 9-2 Silver Bing, 7-1 Scoria, Potent Councillor, 10-1 Mrs Child, 20-1 others.

3.15 MICKLEY STAKES (£448: 1m)

[illegible] (4) 02100-0 Hunting Tower (D) (B), C. Crossley, 5-8-10 .... D. Rowland 5
5 (2) 2310-00 Micky Smoke, K. Whitehead, 4-8-10 .... T. Price 5
[illegible] (8) 240-007 Rondo's Boy (CD), W. Murray, 6-8-10 .... P. Harman 5
9 (15) 312120- Black Cygnet (D), I. Balding, 4-8-7 .... D. Holley 5
10 (12) 14000-0 British Oak (D), F. Wiles, 4-8-7 .... G. Mullin 5
12 (7) 02100-0 Hard Chrome, H. Clarkson, 4-8-7 .... M. Bray
13 (11) 1000-40 Multiple (D), A. Pitt, 4-8-7 .... A. Bond
14 (6) 20001-4 Ron's Girl (D), S. Norton, 4-8-7 .... W. Wood 5
16 (1) 0 Bobby Tic Tac, D. H. Williams, 4-8-7 .... S. Charlton
17 (5) 00 Highland Parch, J. Calvert, 3-7-7 .... I. Bell
18 (10) 102121- Longacre (C), M. Prescott, 3-7-7 .... C. Nutter 5
19 (9) 0000-00 *Osaim, D. Sasse, 3-7-7 .... —
20 (3) 4231-03 Darel, P. Davey, 3-7-4 .... D. Cooney 5
21 (14) 01- Lady Birdbrook, W. Wharton, 3-7-4 .... B. Clotworthy 5
22 (13) 00- Miss Mattie, S. Hall, 3-7-4 .... S. Salmon
11-4 Multiple, 7-2 Longacre, 5-1 Black Cygnet, 13-2 Darel, 8-1 Lady Birdbrook, Rondo's Boy, 12-1 British Oak, Ron's Girl, 14-1 Hunting Tower, 20-1 others.

3.45 RAINTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £671: 1m 1f)

4 (1) 0401-40 Patrisio, S. Wainwright, 8-9 .... J. Seagrave
2 (7) 04221-0 Cove, M. H. Easterby, 8-? .... M.
6 (4) 00-111 Record Run (D), G. Pritchard-Gordon, ... D.
13 (1) 330312- Carmenia (B), J. W. Watts, 7-13 .... J.
14 (6) 2201-10 Freebourne, S. Wainwright, 7-13 .... G.
15 (2) 01030-0 Fnoop, Denys Smith, 7-11 .... N.
16 (8) 00-10 Knockmahon, B. Hanbury, 7-10 .... D.
21 (3) 4000-10 Saracen (CD), H. Jones, 7-1 .... L.
3-1 Record Run, 7-2 Cove, 4-1 Knockmahon, 11-2 Carmen Patrisio, 10-1 Freebourne, 12-1 Saracen, 14-1 others.

4.15 BISHOPTON STAKES (2-y-o: £719: 5f

2 (4) 21 Deluded (D), J. Hardy, 8-13 C
5 (11) 31 Jaguray (D), G. Toft, 8-11 .... A.
6 (8) 12 Solo Spy (D), K. Payne, 8-11 .... T.
8 (9) 1 Tuesday Sue (D), J. W. Watts, 8-8 .... J. Mu
11 (13) 0 Cool Hand Luke, W. Murray, 8-8 .... O.
16 (5) Moray, M. H. Easterby, 8-0 .... M
19 (1) Peter Cutler, P. Davey, 8-8 .... J. S
21 (2) Ashcliffe, M. W. Easterby, 8-5 .... G.
22 (10) Bank House, R. C. Ward, 8-5 .... P.
24 (12) Clinging Angel, K. Payne, 8-5 .... J. C
27 (?) Joe Lampton, H. Wharton, 8-5 .... J
29 (3) 0 Rumpland, H. Blackshaw, 8-5 ....
30 (6) 0 Ma's Baby, S. Nesbitt, 8-5 .... M.
9-4 Jaguray, 5-2 Tuesday Sue, 9-2 Solo Spy, 11-2 Deluded, Cutler, 12-1 Moray, 14-1 Ashcliffe, 20-1 others.

4.45 NEWBY AMATEUR STAKES (£491:

1 (16) 0 Advocate's Triumph, H. Jones, 5-12-0 .... Mr
3 (13) 000000- Decision, D. Marks, 4-12-0 .... Mr
5 (12) *Goldilocks, H. L. Shedden, 5-12-0 ....
7 (3) 0- Jungle Rhythm, J. Mulhall, 5-12-0 .... Mr
9 (11) London Express, C. Bell, 6-12-0 .... Mr M
10 (4) 0030-2 Longonot, S. Hall, 4-12-0 .... Mr
13 (9) 0 Moneyman, S. Mellor, 5-12-0 .... Mr
18 (7) Elmslie, J. Calvert, 4-11-11 .... Mr T
19 (15) 300-013 Esterel, D. H. Williams, 4-11-11 .... Mr
20 (8) 003003- The Fast One, J. E. Sutcliffe, 4-11-11 .... Mr Ye
21 (1) 0060-00 Fuchsia Royal, E. Collingwood, 4-11-? .... Mr W
23 (6) 0 Magic Wand, M. H. Easterby, 4-11-? .... Mr
24 (14) 03000- Men Only, A. Bastiman, 4-11-11 .... Mr Ba
25 (5) 000003- Persist (B), P. Makin, 4-11-11 .... Mr
27 (10) 00000-0 Queen's Melody, Miss S. Hall, 4-11-11 .... Mr
28 (7) Wingate Lass, S. Nesbitt, 4-11-11 .... Mr
6-4 Longonot, 5-2 Esterel, 6-1 The Fast One, 8-1 Elmslie, Persist, 14-1 Men Only, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Ripon selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.45 Whatsname. 2.15 Princely Son. 2.45 Red Reef. 3.15 MULTIPLE is specially recommended. 3.45 Record Run. 4.15 Tuesday Sue. 4.45 Longonot

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Potent Councillor. 3.15 Longacre. 3.45 Record Run.

Lingfield Park results

2.0 (2.2) HURRY ON STAKES (2-y-o: £491: 5f)
PERFECT NIGHT, br f, by King's Troop—Mynah Bird (Mr C. Hill), 9 st 1 lb .... A. Murray (4-1) 1
GAY PRISCILLA, b f, by Majestic—Fairkima (Mr W. Barr), 8 st 9 lb .... F. Durr (7-1) 2
OCASO, gr c, by Gulf Pearl—Phoedora (Miss P. Major), 8 st 9 lb .... G. Lewis (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 High Seeker, 10-1 Mon Cheval (4th), 20-1 Roman God. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 29p, 61p; forecast, £3.31. J. Cann, at Cullompton. 1½l, hd. 1min 0.0?sec.

2.30 (2.32) GODSTONE PLATE (3-y-o: £690: 1m 2f)
PADDY JACK, ch g, by David Jack—Lucky Seven (Mrs M. McAlpine), 8 st 11 lb .... B. Taylor (5-2 jt fav) 1
MAJESTY, ch c, by Sir Ivor—Dolina (Lady Beaverbrook), 8 st 11 lb .... L. Piggott (100-30) 2
JER, ch c, by Sea Bird II—Macarena (Mr C. St. George), 8 st 11 lb .... G. Lewis (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt fav Cley (4th), 8-1 Dubrovnik, 25-1 Prince Poona, 33-1 Cherabee. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 16p, 17p; dual forecast, 48p. J. Powney, at Keston. Hd, 3l. 2min 11.30sec.

3.0 (3.2) LADBROKE OAKS TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £3,683: 1½m)
RIBOREEN, ch f, by Ribero—Miss Loveridge (Mr D. Prenn), 8 st 9 lb .... B. Taylor (20-1) 1
THALASSA, ch f, by Appiani II—Templeogue (Mrs D. Oaskin), 8 st 9 lb .... M. Kettle (7-1) 2
MELANTHA, ro f, by Roan Rocket—Tomboy (Sir R. Cohen), 9 st .... G. Lewis (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Evening Venture, 4-1 Grecian Craft, 5-1 Thar She Blows (4th), 9-1 Aunt Eva. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.61; places, £1.01, 35p; dual forecast, £5.15. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 4l, 1½l. 2min 39.51sec.

3.30 (3.34) WEIR COURTENAY PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f)
PAUL ALISON, ch c, by Whistling Wind—Jerusalem (Mr A. David), 8 st 11 lb .... L. Piggott (9-4 fav) 1
PREBIHAS, b c, by Sahib—Precarious (Mr F. Jeffery), 8 st 11 lb .... B. Taylor (9-2) 2
FASTACRE, br c, by Linacre—Ennel (Mr V. Adnam), 8 st 11 lb .... G. Lewis (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Maria's, 8-1 Shepherd's Delight (4th), Singlet, 12-1 Desert Fire, 20-1 Tipster, Princely Rule, 33-1 Comedy Turn, Escudo Joe, Smith, The Golden Rule, Hidden Talent, Sedition. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 10p, 17p, 21p. A. Pitt, at Epsom. 3l, 2l. 59.9sec. Virginia Way did not run.

4.0 (4.1) OLD MILL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £966: 6f)
BLESSINGS, b f, by Floribunda—Marabella (Mr J. Mullion), 7 st 10 lb .... D. Maitland (10-1) 1
QUESTA NOTTE, b f, by Midsummer Night II—Quentilla (Lord Fairhaven), 8 st .... B. Jago (3-1 fav) 2
NEARLY NEW, b c, by Derring-Do—Lydia II (Mr W. Norton), 8 st 13 lb .... J. Wilson (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Edwards Hill, 7-1 Air Power (4th), 12-1 Desperate Dan, Precious Star, Rock Dove, The Nadi Royale, 16-1 Alezan Dore, 20-1 Timecrete. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 19p, 15p, 22p. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. 1½l, 1l. 1min 10.34sec.

4.30 (4.32) MID-DAY SUN HANDICAP (£996: 2m)
INVENTORY, b g, by Royal Record II—Sougara (Mr G. Smyth), 6yrs, 8 st 10 lb .... G. Lewis (5-2 fav) 1
IANS CHOICE, b h, by Tamerlane—Haroldy Cross (Mr V. Matthews), 6yrs, 8 st 1 lb .... E. Hide (7-2) 2
CHIEF SCOUT, ch g, by Shantoon—Chief Danger (Count C. Seilern), 4yrs, 8 st 2 lb .... A. Murray (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 China Bank (4th), 16-1 Skysail, 20-1 Pareener, Franwin, Spy Net, Lyon del Mar. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 13p, 28p; dual forecast, 39p. G. Smyth, at Lewes. Nk, 1½l. 3min 30.19sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Riboreen, Blessings: £71.25. TREBLE: Paddy Jack, Paul Alison, Inventory: £6.40. Jackpot not won: £1,314.50 carried forward to today.

Ayr

2.30 (2.32) GLENBURN STAKES (Amateur and women riders: £652: 1m 5f)
STAN FLASHMAN, b c, by St Paddy—Zamarra (Mr R. Spencer), 4yr 11 st 5 lb .... Mr N. Tinkler (5-1) 1
BRAEMAR, b g, by Royal Avenue—Sara Tal (Mr D. Flynn), 4yr 11 st 5 lb .... A. Cousins (4-1 fav) 2
PAVARDI, br g, by Pavel—Ardicella (Mrs J. Campbell), 4yr 11 st 10 lb .... Mr D. Greaves (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-2 Willow Walk, Chevarise (4th), 8-1 Bar Hazard, 10-1 So Ray, 12-1 Man Moss, Autumn Crocus, 14-1 Woo Sung, Finbarnie, Marks Boy, 20-1 Hanlich, Our Lynn, Balemon. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 15p, 16p, 24p. F. Carr, at Malton. 1l, 1l. 2min 57.65sec. Squadron Leader did not run.

3.0 (3.2) NEWARK HANDICAP (3-y-o: [illegible]: 5f)
CARNIVAL PRINCE, br c, by Carnival Dancer—Queen Mona (Mrs J. Stephenson), 8 st 7 lb .... S. Charlton (11-4 fav) 1
FINIAN, ch c, by El Gallo—Resolan (Mr G. Tinguy), 7 st 5 lb .... R. Fox (5-1) 2
SILKA SONG, ch c, by Silly Season—Havasong (Mr M. Taylor), 7 st 4 lb .... L. Charnock (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Honest Al (4th), 6-1 Wimpole. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 15p, 2 cast, 91p. D. Williams at Ferryhill. 59.73sec. Blue Friend did not run.

3.30 (3.33) SAUCHRIE STAKES £663: 7f)
HIGHLAND SKY, br f, by Shooting Chant—Sarah Caroline (Mr D. Needham), 8 st 11 lb .... M. Goreham
LOUDOUN RAP, gr c, by Runnymede—Phoenica (Lady L. French), 9 0 lb .... J. Lowe
TIGER TIM'S, ch c, by Florescence—Amsterdam Lassie (Mr P. Edwards) 9 st 0 lb .... W. Bentley
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Starlight Ca 10-1 Knaresboro, Granville Court, Pate, Border Hills, Jistalet, 20-1 Aline Margaret, Quendon. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 15p, D. Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 1l, 0.32sec.

4.0 CUMNOCK HANDICAP (£846
KINGFISHER BLUE, b g, by French Beige—Windsor Charm (Mr L. Gu rington) 10 yr 7 st 11 lb .... L. Charnock
BUNDALEE, br g, by Tutankhamen—Straight Off (Mr A. Leggat) 7y 8 st 12 lb .... B. Connorton
RELUCTANT MAID, ch f, by Relk—Trilby (Ld Rosebery) 4 yr 8 11 lb .... J. Lowe
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Irish Fa Shipwrecked (4th), 15-2 Whispering 8-1 Wynds Point, 10-1 Lilac Wine, field, 33-1 Prestarn. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 21p, dual forecast, £1.18. R. Barnes, at neck. 3min 19.28sec.

4.30 (4.34) MONTROSE HANDICAP 1m 3f)
HAMADAN, ch h, by Pavot—Maud Joan (Mr L. Kerr), 5 yr 8 st 8 .... K. Leason
RYEDALE KING, b h, by King Coup—Straiah (Mr [illegible]), 7 yr 7 st 13 lb .... J. Lowe
SPRINGO, ch c, by Pelingo—Eternal Spring (Mrs L. Winton), 4yr 2 lb .... R. Bowker
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav St Barn Misnomer, 5-1 Black Douglas (4 Magic Circle, 7-1 Sir Garnet, 16-1 20-1 Flying Hero, Big Tom. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 20p, I. Craig at Dunbar. 1½l, neck. 2mi

5.0 (5.3) CRAIGIE STAKES (2-y-o
ROBERTON, b c, by Ribero—Ros Wings (Mrs R. Tweedie) 8 st 11 lb .... S. Barclay
GREAT GULF, b c, by Gulf Pearl—Propitious (Mrs M. Clarke), 9 0 lb .... L. G. Brown
CHANTAL, ch f, by Charlottesville—Miss Mary (Mr H. Leggat), 8 11 lb .... J. Ives
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Baker Brown (4 Royal Halo, 14-1 Oscar Fellowship ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 10p, forecast, 26p. S. Hall at Middleham. 2 min. 13.8sec. Johnny Bingo did
TOTE DOUBLE: Highland Sky, £24.30. TREBLE: Carnival Prince fisher Blue, Robertson, £5.45.

Results at two evening meetings

Leicester

6.15: 1, TYE (20-1); 2, Bien Etonne (9-1); 3, Little Alex (4-5 fav). 13 ran.
6.45: 1, ELIANNE (1-3 fav); 2, [illegible] (6-4). 2 ran. [illegible] did not run.
7.15: 1, FAVEDO (20-1); 2, Peter's Choice (6-1); 3, French Wood (25-1). 21 ran. Vladimir 100-30 fav.
7.45: 1, SOCCER (15-8 fav); 2, Rebill (10-1); 3, Timeglow (12-1). 19 ran.
8.15: 1, STEP AHEAD (6-1); 2, The Godson (7-2 jt fav); 3, Trout (7-2 jt fav). 22 ran.
8.45: 1, ROMORE (5-1); 2, Fellowfield (4-5 fav); 3, Runquest (4-1). 5 ran.

Taunton

6.0: 1, CODE OF THE ROAD (8-13); 2, Just Paddy (14-1); 3, Welsh View (14-1). 11 ran. Packer, Seawall did not run.
6.30: 1, DEVON SPIRIT (6-1); 2, [illegible] (4-1); 3, [illegible] (2-1 fav). 11 ran.
7.0: 1, TAKASAKI (11-4); 2, [illegible] (5-1); 3, Cellar (5-1). 8 ran. Pour Early, evens fav. Polish Hard did not run.
7.30: 1, SO NEAR (12-1); 2, Lavernshaw (5-2); 3, Golden Bauman (7-2). 10 ran. [illegible] 4-7 fav.
8.0: 1, CALZADO (1-4); 2, Shining Heights (9-1); 3, Psalm (9-1). 9 ran. Winsome did not run.
8.30: 1, PRINCE GEORGE (20-1); 2, Prince Eleven (2-1 fav); 3, Twelfth Night (3-2). 12 ran.

HAIGLAND DOUBLE
Scottish Wonder romps home at 3.30:
Haig Highness at 7.30.
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Market Rasen NH programme

2.30 WELLAND HURDLE (Handicap: £170: 2m)
4 3-0 Coin, 7-11-11 .... N. Clay 5
5 322 Coupador, 12-11-11 .... S. Holland
6 0u0 Faldo, 10-11-9 .... Mr Bloomfield 7
10 000 Crimson Carpet, 9-11-3 .... A. Dickman 3
19 000 Chigwell Charmer, 11-10-11 .... S. Nattrass
21 00n King Cup, 12-10-? .... R. Griffin 3
24 300 I Like It, 9-10-8 .... M. O'Shea 7
30 4?0 Autofreight, 10-10-0 .... D. Atkins
32 000 Fox Court, 9-10-0 .... S. Taylor
33 000 Serene Sovereign, 5-10-0 .... M. Gibson
37 000 Scotch Briar, 9-10-0 .... D. Munro
40 1015 Last of the Moors, 12-10-0 .... K. McCauley
42 400 Adelphi, 13-10-0 .... T. Armstrong 5
7-4 Coupador, 7-2 Adelphi, 9-2 Last of the Moors, 6-1 I Like It, 8-1 Coin, 10-1 King Cup, 16-1 others.

3.0 WITHAM STEEPLECHASE ([illegible]: 2m 5f)
2 210 Mannix, 9-12-5 .... R. Barry
[illegible] 130 River Rother, 9-12-5 .... Capt Perry 7
11 300 Glenland, 7-12-0 .... P. Mangan
14 2o4 Flik, 13-12-0 .... Mr Lloyd 7
15 300 Morning Light, 9-12-0 .... B. Fletcher
18 00p Somers of Wolston, 6-12-0 .... —
21 2-u1 Cobley, 9-11-12 .... Mr Bates 7
32 000 *Moss Prince, 6-11-7 .... —
36 p- Test Ban, 12-11-7 .... Mr Barber 7
37 4uf Walden Rights, 9-11-7 .... S. Wiles 7
5-4 Mannix, 4-1 River Rother, 6-1 Cobley, 8-1 Morning Light, 10-1 Glenland, 12-1 Somers of Wolston, 14-1 Walden Rights, 16-1 others.

3.30 TRENT HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m)
1 201 Irish Special, 9-12-0 .... J. Glover
5 130 Dromador, 8-10-10 .... S. Holland
13 0u0 Clicquot Signal, 7-10-1 .... J. James
[illegible] 02 Persian Room, 4-10-0 .... D. Holmes
17 000 Revival, 7-10-0 .... D. Briscoe
19 [illegible] Haunting Song, [illegible] .... V. Soane
20 000 [illegible] .... —
22 4pp Thunderess, 7-10-0 .... M. Gibson 5
13-8 Irish Special, 5-1 Persian Room, 4-1 Dromador, 11-2 Clicquot Signal, 7-1 Revival, 20-1 others.

4.0 HUMBER HURDLE (4-y-o: £442: 2m)
3 41 Sant Angelo, 11-7 .... P. Jones
[illegible] u00 Babus Brief, 11-0 .... D. Atkins
10 0?1 Hilliro, 11-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
12 4f1 Oscines, 11-0 .... S. Holland
13 010 Pink Elephant, 11-0 .... J. Glover
17 00 Chukka, 10-7 .... R. Barry
18 ff Downing Arms, 10-7 .... P. Bloomfield 7
24 Soulgleno, 10-7 .... Mr Kerly 7
25 032 Semi Down, 10-7 .... R. Griffin 3
26 000 Star of Cranford, 10-7 .... G. Thorner
9-4 Sant Angelo, 7-1 Oscines, 4-1 Hilliro, 7-1 Semi Down, 10-1 Pink Elephant, 14-1 Downing Arms, 20-1 others.

4.30 MAY STEEPLECHASE ([illegible]: 3m)
1 P41 Home Cured, 7-12-10 .... Mr Barry
3 f-p0 Entertainer, 8-12-0 .... Mr Higgins 7
[illegible] Fortalike, 10-12-0 .... Mr Barton 7
[illegible] 4u Good Draw, 9-12-0 .... Mr Korber 7
8 Goodwin Lady, 7-12-0 .... Mr York 7
10 Kevock Lad, 9-12-0 .... Mr Irvin 7
11 0-0 Oscar Lad, 8-12-0 .... Mr Bennett 7
12 Royal Raintree, 6-12-0 .... Mr D. Greaves 7
13 Scots Pine, 9-12-0 .... —
19 Top Gear, 7-12-0 .... Mr Cham
21 Wood Smoke, 6-12-0 .... M
4-6 Home Cured, 4-1 Entertainer, Kevock Lad, 10-1 Good Draw, Gear, 16-1 others.

5.0 RASE STEEPLECHASE (H £442: 2m)
2 103 Eagle's Nest, 10-11-13 ....
5 421 Head Lad, 12-11-1 .... Mr
6 [illegible] Be Nice, 5-10-? .... Mr
8 00-0 Noon, 7-1? ....
11 00? Amigris, 8-10-0 .... Mr
13 0u? Victorian Vision .... Mr G
[illegible]
[illegible] *Phaltram, ... Mr Cr
17 [illegible] Bravetta, 7-10-0 .... Mr
[illegible] Lehar, 10-10-? .... Mr
9-4 Head Lad, 7-2 Eagle's Nest, Nice, 6-1 Amigris, 8-1 Victorian Vision, Bravetta, 12-1 Noon, 25-1 others.
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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

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Lloyds Bank pioneers base rate cut to 12 pc as spur to industrial borrowers

Ian Morison
nancial Correspondent

Exactly a month after all the aring banks cut their base es from 13 to 12½ per cent, yds Bank announced a fur- r reduction to 12 per cent terday.

But on this occasion none of other clearers chose to fol- suit. It was left to a non- arer, the Yorkshire Bank, to n Lloyds at the new rate.

Although Lloyds' decision ncided with increases in the me rates of several big United tes banks, it can be justi- d technically by the recent ing in short-term sterling erest rates and fixed interest urity yields and by Lloyds' above average liquidity.

Mr John Montgomery, the k's chief general manager, d yesterday that the present v of funds and money market s permitted a reduction. "e are keen", he added, "to uce the cost of borrowing customers, particularly in industrial sector."

Interest rates for periods of to three months on the inter- k and certificate of deposit kets are now below 13 per t. So long as they stay there, yds should run little danger encountering "hard" arbitrage operations, under which overdrafts are raised and recycled at a profit on to the money markets.

"Soft" arbitrage, under which large customers shop around for the cheapest form of short-term finance, may be more of a problem. Although the main practitioners—local authorities—are not as large a group of customers for Lloyds as for its larger rivals, there are many industrial and commercial companies with more than one bank account.

These companies might well rely more heavily on Lloyds for their overdrafts if the other *clearers remained at 12½ per* cent for any length of time.

At present, Lloyds appears better placed than the other big clearers to accommodate an increase in loan demand. Its reserve ratio last month was 14.1 per cent, higher than any other clearing bank except Williams & Glyn's.

Barclays' ratio by contrast, was 12.9 per cent, just 0.4 above the minimum figure permitted. But Lloyds' margin of spare liquidity could disappear quickly if it had to meet a disproportionately large share of corporate borrowing requirements.

The base rate reduction does not appear to have been prompted by the new penalties to be applied by the Bank of England if a bank's interest-bearing deposits show excessive growth. In time, however, this consideration could become an important influence on the banks' interest rate tactics.

Lloyds' move does, however, follow hard on Barclays' decision to reduce the cost of banking for its corporate customers by a different approach—a 25 per cent reduction in their current account commission charges for the first six months of 1974.

Suggestions that the downturn in interest rates would be consolidated by a further cut in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate proved unfounded. There was a slight fall in the average rate of allotment of yesterday's Treasury Bills, but not enough to move MLR from its previous level of 12 per cent.

From Monday overdrafts at Lloyds will be half a percentage point cheaper and the deposit rate for balances of £10,000 and over will fall from 11 to 10½ per cent. All other rates (including deposit rates for smaller balances and personal loan rates), will remain unchanged.

Mr Shultz predicts firmer dollar and expansion in real US growth

m Frank Vogl
Springs, Virginia, May 10

Mr George Shultz, who has retired as Secretary of the asury, forecast today that the ar would gain in strength as 4 progresses, and an upward id in the development of real ss national product in erica would become increas- ly evident.

Mr Shultz told a meeting of Business Council, a group of ut 150 leading industrialists, t he thought interest rates e were reaching their peak.

This statement coincided with announcements by several y York banks, led by the First ional City Bank and the se Manhattan Bank, of a rise prime rates to a record 11¼ cent from 11 per cent.

Mr Shultz said American real for 1974 would probably ow a slight plus." This con- ted with forecasts made by Richard Gerstenberg, head General Motors, on behalf of Business Council, which wed zero growth and possibly a 1 per cent decline for gnp this year.

The Business Council and Mr Shultz agreed that the inflation rate should get down to about 6 per cent by the end of the year and that there might be a modest increase in unemployment in coming months.

Mr Shultz told the council that the first quarter year was the worst, that growth in the second quarter was likely to be about flat, but followed by significant expansion in the second half.

This optimism, he said, was partly based on revised brighter forecasts on the prospects for the automobile industry. Mr *Gerstenberg said that United States car and commercial* vehicle output this year was likely to be about 11 per cent below the 1973 level at close to 13 million units.

Mr Shultz and the Business Council agreed that at this time it was essential for the government to maintain disciplined monetary policies and aim for a balanced budget. Figures to be published shortly would show that for the 1974 fiscal year, an almost balanced budget position would be achieved, Mr Shultz said.

He would not give specific exchange rates, but noted that the dollar would be higher in December than it was now, reflecting the improved health of the economy.

He justified his substantial optimism on inflation—where he predicted that the end year rate would be almost half the present rate—by noting that there had already been sharp falls in food prices; the main surge in oil prices had taken place and costs were likely to rise only modestly, and that with non-food commodities, a levelling-out of demand could lead to significant price decline.

Mr Shultz forecast that the average development of real gnp for all leading industrial countries this year was likely to be only about 1 per cent against the 6.6 per cent last year.

ank chief aware of g stagging operations'

bank manager said at the ral Criminal Court yester- that he knew quite well one of his customers was ging on large-scale "stag- " operations between April, , and July, 1972.

Harold Whittle, former ager of the Midland Bank, brook Road, Ilford, Essex holding a position in the head office) said: "I knew well what Mr Green's prac- was.

was content for that to go most cases by means of hone transfers. The money immediately available, but was a day late I was per- y happy."

Whittle was being cross- ined by Mr Brian Neill, defending Mr Monty Green, of Lord Avenue, Clayhall, , Essex. Mr Green and his ier, Mr Allan Greenstein, schoolmaster, of Clare- Road, Forest Gate, East on, face several charges of tion and dishonesty by ing applications relating to agging of share issues.

Monty Green and his wife n account at the Cranbrook branch. Mr Whittle said d made it clear to Mr Green he was not prepared to grant raft facilities to meet his e if funds were not avail- He thought Mr Green was aware of the normal prac- of banks.

Whittle was content over months to mark the es "Please re-present". He made a nominal charge of if the funds to meet the e were a day late. This was al practice.

Further questioned by Mr Mr Whittle said: "At no during the time that I was e bank and Mr Green was ating this account, did I suggest to him that there anything illegal or criminal t what he was doing."

David Jeffreys, prosecut- asked Mr Whittle: "It is clear from going through account that Mr Green was ucting stagging opera- ?". Mr Whittle replied: ".

ferring to one sum of 10. *Mr Jeffreys asked Mr* tle: "Did you receive any ation from Mr Green that as drawing cheques in that of sum and would have the t to meet them either that or the next day?"

r Whittle: "Not in every

e trial continues.

Cosmex will go ahead with mini-steelworks

The plan by Cosmex, a Swiss trading corporation, to build a mini-steelworks at Newport in Monmouthshire is to go ahead despite the Government's refusal at present to consider an application for an Industrial Development Certificate.

Cosmex, which has taken over an old British Aluminium site in Newport, applied for an IDC in March because it intended to demolish buildings on the site and construct a new plant.

But the Department of Industry has decided to defer the application until the review of Britain's steel industry is complete. As a result Cosmex will use the existing buildings to house the steelworks. Last year, Newport Council approved the change of use.

With equipment for the works due to arrive soon, Cosmex wishes to make a start on the project. Last month the company said it was puzzled by the delay, particularly as change of use had been approved and Bank of England approval for financing the project from abroad had been received.

Cosmex took over the alumina works from British Aluminium on April 1 and told the 70 employees that they would not lose their jobs. Further local labour will also be needed.

Import plea: The Government has come under pressure from the country's iron and steel consumers to continue to relax duty on a wide range of imported steel products.

The British Iron and Steel Consumers Council has urged that the duty exemptions on products from the EEC should be extended from the end of June to the end of September.

It is argued that the shortage of some iron and steel products is becoming more acute, mainly because of strikes at British Steel Corporation works and production shortfalls due to cuts in scrap and billet supplies.

The British Welded Steel Tube Manufacturers' Association has issued a warning to members that BSC allocations through autumn are likely to be cut by up to 50 per cent.

The association, which represents the majority of United Kingdom interests in the production of steel tube for furniture, motor, agricultural and general engineering trades, says that earlier optimism about improvement in British steel supplies for precision welded tubing has proved to be unrealized.

Disturbance of demand as a result of short-time working tended to cloud the true availability position, BWSTMA says, and manufacturers must inevitably resort to buying continental material.

"Such action could result in temporary material surcharges being necessary yet again," a spokesman said.

'Strike-breaking in secret' claimed

By Clifford Webb

Engineering union members on strike at a Birmingham company for the past two months yesterday introduced 24-hour picketing to stop "secret" strike-breaking nightwork.

Strikers at Harrisons, a curtain rail and brasswork manufacturer, claimed that, when their pickets left in the evening management persuaded supervisors to smuggle in materials from another company factory in an adjoining street.

Mr Albert Rice, an AUEW shop-steward, said: "The supervisors have been using a lorry driven during the day by a member of the Transport Workers' Union who has persistently refused to cross our picket lines". He claimed that 250 of the 400-strong labour force had been laid off.

The strike, which is over disputed payment for working on a new 1,600-ton extrusion press, was declared official four weeks ago, but no strike money has been paid.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 121.06+1.20
F.T. index: 307.2+4.7

Rises

Beecham Grp	3p to 224p	Metal Box	6p to 198p
Boots	2p to 178p	Reed Int	10p to 236p
Courtaulds	4p to 107p	Spillers	1½p to 34½p
Central Man	3½p to 42½p	Thorn Electric	7p to 229p
GKN	5p to 187p	Triumph Inv	1p to 13½p
Leslie	12p to 186p	Vickers	5p to 119p
Lyons, J. 'A'	10p to 196p	Wms Hudson	7½p to 72p

Falls

Ass Pt Cement	1p to 137p	Plessey	1p to 96p
Bk of Scotland	5p to 225p	Peko Wallsend	15p to 320p
Cowie, T.	2p to 22p	Swan Hunter	1p to 113p
First Nat Fin	2p to 21p	Stand'd & Chart	7p to 408p
Guthrie Corp	7p to 338p	Warren, J.	5p to 235p
Lloyds Bk	5p to 217p	Western Mng	5p to 128p
Pearl	7p to 193p	Zambian Ang	5p to 200p

Equities scored fresh gains.
Gilt-edged securities rose strongly after news of a base rate cut from Lloyds Bank.
Sterling eased 15 points to $2.4300. The "*effective devaluation*" rate was 17.43 per cent.
Gold rose $1.25 to $167.25.

Commodities: Reuters index fell another 8.1 to 1,374.1. Cocoa futures collapsed with losses ranging to £47.50. Coffee advanced between £5.50 and £10. Tin lost *£55; lead, £10; and zinc £34.50.* LME silver gained 3p.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.635
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	96.25	93.50
Canada $	2.38	2.33
Denmark Kr	14.40	14.00
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.80
France Fr	11.90	11.60
Germany DM	6.00	5.80
Greece Dr	72.25	70.00
Hongkong $	12.30	11.95
Italy Lr	1655.00	1605.00
Japan Yn	700.00	675.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	12.90	12.55
Portugal Esc	60.25	57.25
S Africa Rd	1.87	1.79
Spain Pes	143.00	138.00
Sweden Kr	10.50	10.20
Switzerland Fr	7.15	6.90
US $	2.48	2.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.50	34.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Decision on monetary reform again deferred

By Our Economics Staff

Reform of the international monetary system now depends on the outcome of the ministerial meeting of the International Monetary Fund's Committee of 20, to be held in Washington on June 12 and 13.

Their deputies, under Mr Jeremy Morse, concluded their three day meeting at Paris on Thursday without reaching agreement on a number of key technical issues. Various options will now be put to the finance ministers who will have to make the political decisions.

These "technical" decisions relate to whether the price of official gold holding should be *increased to bring it more into* line with the present market price; which currencies should be included in the "basket" on which the value of special drawing rights (SDRs) should in future be based; what interest rate should be paid to holders of SDRs; and whether to adopt guidelines to regulate the behaviour of central banks in managing their floating currencies.

Our Paris Correspondent writes that at a press conference late on Thursday, Mr Morse announced that his group had prepared guidelines for the regulation of floating. He hoped that, if adopted, they would be made public.

Giving an optimistic account of the three day meeting, he said work on an interim system of valuation for SDRs had gone well and could be operative next month.

It would be up to the IMF's executive board to establish the precise list of currencies to which the SDR would be tied. Mr Morse claimed that the disagreement on the interest rate to go with SDRs was not wide.

The Paris meeting ends the preparation of a reformed monetary system, the task given to the Committee of 20 almost two years ago. Several delegates were a good deal less optimistic than Mr Morse

One expert spoke of the Paris meeting as "getting the corpse ready for embalming". Mr Morse admitted that the draft guidelines for floating were a replacement for the *stricter rules on which they* were working a year ago. They would now largely reinforce by exhortation practices already adopted by some central banks to ensure orderly markets and discourage speculators.

The group has also prepared recommendations for the international adjustment process and the future management of international liquidity.

Employers press for revision of weighting bonus

By Malcolm Brown

Pressure is growing on the Government to amend the Pay Code to allow employers to pool the London weighting allowance. In evidence submitted to the Pay Board over the last few days the Confederation of British Industry suggests a pooling arrangement allowing employers flexibility in compensating particularly essential employees.

It is expected this would apply mainly to public sector employees, but would not exclude the private sector. The CBI's evidence has been submitted at the invitation of the Pay Board, which expects to complete its report on the future of London weighting by the end of next month.

The confederation has put forward proposals for both the short and long term. In the short term it wants the Pay Code changed so that a limited number of employers who did not originally adopt the weighting formula laid down in 1967 by the National Board for Prices and Incomes should be permitted to do so immediately.

If they could produce evidence that production and efficiency were being hard hit, they would be able to pay £200 a year for Greater London employees and £100 for outer London over and above the Phase Three limits under the amendment.

Norwegian government decides in favour of piping Frigg gas to UK

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Big new supplies of natural gas should become available to British industry by the end of this decade. This will follow the controversial decision of the Norwegian Government yesterday to recommend that gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea Frigg field should be piped to Britain.

Frigg gas will end the current supply famine that has forced the British Gas Corporation to ignore the upsurge in demand for fuel from industrial customers and to end its statutory obligation to supply large consumers close to gas mains.

The 4,000 million cubic feet of gas a day that will be available from the southern North Sea fields by next year are fully committed to meeting the requirements of homes and existing industrial contracts.

Frigg is the biggest gas field yet discovered in the North Sea and the additional 1,500 million cubic feet a day will enable the corporation to supply new industrial customers for the first time in several years.

The Frigg field straddles the median line between the British and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea, east of the Shetlands.

The French-led Total Marine group has contracted to supply gas from the British sector to British Gas but the Petronord group contract covering supplies from the Norwegian sector needed Parliamentary approval.

The Norwegian Government white paper recommending that the gas should be piped to Scotland still has to be accepted by the Storting (parliament).

In a move to pacify opponents of Norwegian gas being sold abroad, the Government has *made the delivery of gas from* smaller fields surrounding Frigg to Norway a condition of approval.

Before reaching its decision, all the alternatives to a pipeline to Scotland were considered.

British Gas has not revealed the price it will pay for supplies from the Norwegian sector. The white paper gives a figure of 62 cents per million cubic feet which is, at the revised exchange rates, only slightly more expensive than the 2.35 pence per therm paid for Ekofisk gas by a consortium of European utilities.

The last large-scale contract with British Gas for offshore gas from the Viking field was at 1.5p a therm. It is thought that the price for supplies from the British sector of Frigg, where the corporation had monopoly buying rights, is marginally less than the Norwegian contract price.

British Gas has started work on a coastal terminal to receive *the gas at St Fergus in Aberdeen*shire and will be laying more than 700 miles of pipelines to feed the Frigg gas into the main transmission network.

Maplin seaport seen as benefit to environment

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

The first hint that the Maplin seaport project might have to be justified on environmental rather than economic grounds came yesterday from Mr John Lunch, director general of the Port of London Authority.

Addressing the Institute of Chartered Accountants in London he conceded that Maplin "may add a few extra pence a ton to oil". But he asked if this was not a cheap price to pay for a new terminal that would handle oil in the Thames estuary away from densely populated areas and thus make a "positive contribution to safety and our environment". "Is it wrong to ask that the oil industry should pay it?" he asked.

Pressure is being brought on the PLA, now that the airport plan has fairly certainly been abandoned, to scale down its seaport proposals possibly to a size suitable for containerships only. This might cost £30m-£40m compared with over double that for a combined oil/*container port, and would* avoid the heavy annual dredging costs of a deep channel for very large tankers.

Clearly the PLA would be unhappy to lose an oil terminal, which for a port authority is the nearest thing to a licence to print money. But the oil companies, conscious of the high cost of Maplin without an airport to bear much of it and of uncertainties over future Middle East imports and North Sea oil, remain reluctant to commit themselves.

Heavy buying surge boosts bond market

By Business News Staff

Government bond prices rose sharply on the London stock exchange yesterday in the face of further heavy buying. Price rises of 75p were common by the end of trading, and some stocks gained even more.

Much of the heavy demand for Government stocks appears to have been prompted by rising hopes that British interest rates are now firmly set on a downward path.

Many City jobbers appear to have been surprised by the strength of the advance in bond prices. Much of the business is the result of funds being transferred from the money markets.

Equities responded strongly to the further rise in the gilt edged *market and the prospect of* cheaper borrowing. Widespread gains among industrials, while not fully held at the close, lifted the *FT* index by 4.7 points to 307.2.

Turnover remained disappointing, however. Recorded bargains of 6,888 suggested a turnover by value in the £50m-£60m range.

Solicitors' Law held steady at 51p accompanied by rumours that an attempt was being made to place a large line of shares, presumed to be the Slater Walker holding, at around 48p.

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SE building upvalued at almost £90m

By Terry Byland

The new Stock Exchange building in the City of London has been professionally valued at £89.8m, the annual accounts for 1973-74 revealed yesterday. This represents a surplus of £73m over its book value as stated in the previous year's *accounts.*

The new figure is nearly £4m higher than the value placed on the Commercial Union's London headquarters by the terms of last month's partial disposal. A further £895,000 has been deducted from the Stock Exchange's fixed assets to cover further costs of completing the rebuilding.

The accounting basis has been changed, following the amalgamation of the various United Kingdom exchanges into one body, and the 1973-74 figures are not comparable with previous totals. Revenue, largely from listing fees and subscription and entrance fees, is stated as being £4,738,000.

The Compensation Fund, from which payments are made to investors who suffer from a stockbroking failure, stood at £1,210,000 on March 24, which was shortly after a call of £100 a member was payable.

But the chairman, Mr George Loveday, points out in his report that claims have yet to be considered in respect of the failures of J. H. Summerfield, James O'Connor, Mitton Butler Priest and Chapman & Rowe.

It is not yet possible, Mr Loveday says, to quantify the net effects of these claims.

Mention is also made of consideration by the Council of ways of further increasing surveillance of member firms' finances. Mr Loveday foresees further use of Council powers to call for up-to-date financial information from firms.

The possibility is being examined of requiring returns more frequently than twice a year, as at present.

There are now 357 stockbroking and 24 jobbing firms on the Exchange. The number of members totals 4,625.

Attached to the full results is a summary adjusted for changes in the purchasing power of money. Under this basis a deficit of £890,000 on the year's revenue account becomes a surplus of £134,000.

Middle East Airlines keep open mind on Concorde

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Middle East Airlines are still interested in Concorde, but before taking any decision the airline will await the experience of British Airways and Air France in operating the supersonic airliner.

Shaikh Najib Alamuddin, chairman of MEA, said in London yesterday that the airline would also want to know the attitude of the countries over which the Concorde would fly from the Middle East to the United States.

If these points were settled satisfactorily, he was confident that Concorde could be operated profitably at a first class subsonic aircraft fare plus 30 per cent.

Middle East Airlines were talking with other airlines in the Middle East about possible joint operations. Under such arrangements it would be possible to get a full load for a daily flight to and from the United States.

In a paper issued yesterday the British Aircraft Corporation, joint makers of Concorde with the French company Aerospatiale, claimed that the programme is now so far advanced that it would be more expensive to cancel it than to continue with the 16 aircraft at present being constructed.

A government estimate of *total cancellation costs at £80m* was, in the opinion of BAC, the trade unions, and Bristol corporation, far too low.

The trade union estimate of cancellation, including redundancy and unemployment pay, was £150m, while a detailed survey done by Bristol Polytechnic for Bristol corporation put the social costs at £67.5m.

Neither of these sums included the industrial settlements for the United Kingdom prime contractors, or for the hundreds of suppliers and subcontractors.

Dr Burns offers hope of tariff deal with Russia

Moscow, May 10.—Describing the Soviet government as "quite impatient" to expand trade with the United States, Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said today that he thought a "reasonable accommodation" could be reached on the politically sensitive question of granting Russia equal tariff status.

In an interview at the end of his week's visit to the Soviet Union, which included a three-hour meeting with Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, Dr Burns said he had found the Russians "in a very practical mood".

The Soviet Union had, he said, raised the issue of most-favoured-nation tariff status with him, and had sought his views. Asked about this, he replied: "My view is simply that this is a political problem that the Russians, being in a very practical mood, and we, in our turn, being also eager to work the problem out—I think that the political authorities of our two countries will be able to work out a reasonable accommodation."

Asked if he got any Soviet support on his optimism about working out a reasonable accommodation, Dr Burns said, "I would interpret my conversations in that way.

"It is highly clear that the Soviet Union is very eager to expand trade with the United States . . . in fact they are quite impatient to do that."

Senior officials he talked to said that "considerable progress" had been made in the growth of Soviet-United States trade "but that progress has not been fast enough, and it has not gone as far as they would like it".

BSC ended contract so oil firm had to re-use pipe

An oil company operating in the North Sea is being compelled to extract drilling pipe from boreholes and use it again —a very expensive process— because the British Steel Corporation recently unilaterally cancelled its contract with it, Mr Jock Bruce-Gardyne, MP for South Angus, said in Edinburgh yesterday at an Aims of Industry seminar on nationalization.

Mr Bruce-Gardyne recalled that the North Sea oil companies had been pressed by the Government to buy British equipment. He had been told this week that in response to this pressure, one company had ordered *the drilling "string"* with which boreholes are driven from the British Steel Corporation.

"Suddenly they have been told by the BSC that the contract has been cancelled, so the oil company is reduced to extracting pipe from the boreholes and retreating it, though this is ruinously expensive.

"This, it seems to me, is folly—one example of the sort of response to customer demand which can be expected from the nationalized sector."

Mr Bruce-Gardyne declined after the meeting to identify the oil company. He said the impression he had received from his informant was that the work in*volved had been on production* wells rather than exploration.

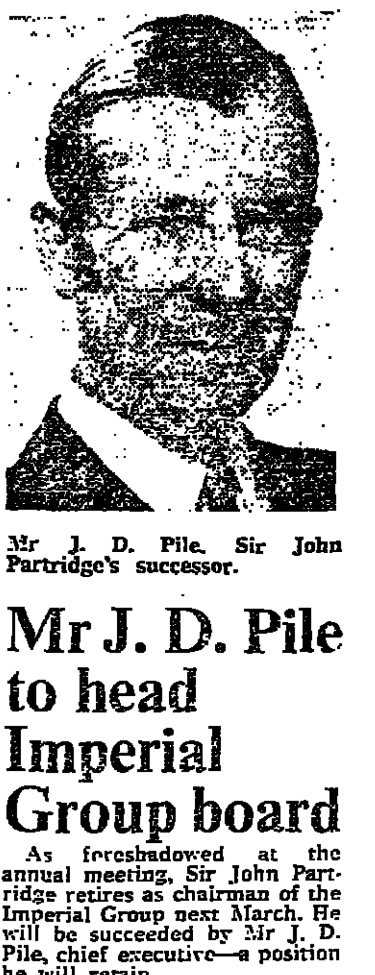
Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank announces that with effect from Monday, 13 May, 1974 its Base Rate for lending will be reduced from 12½% to 12%.

Deposit rate for balances of £10,000 and over will be reduced from 11% to 10½%.

All other rates remain unchanged.

Lloyds Bank



Mr J. D. Pile, Sir John Partridge's successor.

Mr J. D. Pile to head Imperial Group board

As foreshadowed at the annual meeting, Sir John Partridge retires as chairman of the Imperial Group next March. He will be succeeded by Mr J. D. Pile, chief executive—a position he will retain.

Other Imperial appointments include the move of Mr B. B. C. Watson to group headquarters to assist Mr Pile. He relinquishes his post as managing director of the Courage brewery subsidiary. Another Courage director, Mr R. O. Steel, is joining the parent board immediately and from July will be vice-chairman of Courage, while Mr M. B. Bunting will be its new managing director.

The new chairman and managing director of the John Player & Sons subsidiary is to be Mr F. C. Kent, replacing Mr G. A. Ides, who retires at the end of 1974.

Metal Box wins third price increase

Metal Box announced last night that the Price Commission had authorized its third and largest round of price rises this year. These reflect increases of up to 25 per cent on tinplate and dearer fuel costs. The company, the largest supplier of cans to the food industry, will raise prices in this area by 9 to 14 per cent. Some petfood containers will go up by as much as 20 per cent.

Nixon homes boost

President Nixon yesterday announced steps to inject $10,300m (about £4,291m)—most of it in private funds—into the housing market before the end of the year to make home loans easier to get.

Motorola rejects bid

Motorola Incorporated yesterday advised Zenith Radio Corporation, which offered to negotiate to acquire two Motorola television set plants, that "discussions for the purchase of these facilities would not be productive".

US Ford on full time

Ford is planning full operations at its United States plants during the rest of this month and will recall 1,200 workers.

Wall St down 15.33

A fresh rise in bank prime rates hit shares throughout the list on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was 15.33 lower at 850.44 at the close.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

For the past decade or more, there has been widespread agreement that the arrangements in this country for financial provision for old people are unsatisfactory. Too many people have to rely on supplementary benefits. Whatever emphasis is put on entitlement as of right to such benefits, anything which has to be applied for, and is paid only if need is shown, will go only part way to meeting the problem.

Both main political parties have produced their solutions: and now both have scrapped their predecessor's plans when they are at an advanced stage; Mrs Castle completed the cycle by announcing in Parliament earlier this week that those sections of Sir Keith Joseph's Social Security Act which deals with earnings related pensions—either through the State Reserve Scheme, or through schemes set up by an employer—are to be repealed.

This means that it will be some years now before anything is done; 1975 will pass, and our old people—and young ones who will one day be old—will continue to fall farther and farther behind the rest of Europe. Of more immediate importance is the position of widows and other dependents of the men and women who might die in the next few years without any form of protection. Under the State Reserve Scheme and the occupational pension scheme which may not now come into being, there would have been some form of death benefit at least, even if relatively small.

Mrs Castle has committed a serious error of judgment: she should have allowed the 1975 arrangements to go ahead, if for no other reason than that the obligation to make some provision, albeit modest, had been shown to persuade many employers to set up more ambitious arrangements. In other words, even if the plan itself had serious shortcomings, it was creating the right attitudes, and large numbers of employees stood to gain as a result.

That is not to say it would not have been desirable to change the pattern quite radically. There are serious defects in the scheme enacted by the last Government. At least it was something, though, and was having a socially desirable effect on attitudes to private pension provision.

The odds now seem to be on a return to Crossman—the type of arrangement put up by the previous Labour Administration; but Richard Crossman is no longer with us to reintroduce it, and no doubt the new Secretary of State will have her own ideas on many matters.

There will be much discussion on the form of scheme to emerge but there must be two overriding considerations: to do *something*, improving it later, if necessary; and to do it quickly.

Motor insurance

Figuring out premiums

Deciding on the premiums to be paid by individual motorists used to be a very rough and ready affair. Among the factors taken into account by motor insurers were the type of car, its value, where it was garaged, and the use to which it would be put.

"....insurers used to increase the premium for cars which were more than, say, five years old. The latest statistics show they were wrong...."

In most cases, the value of a car which is insured is no longer an important factor on its own, since an allowance for this is made in the premium applicable to the type of car. But many other factors have been introduced in the attempt to make sure that the overall premium from individual groups of motorists is correct.

The whole object of insurance is to spread the load of those who make claims over those who do not, and so it is impossible to arrive at individual rating. But the claims experience of different types of motorist does differ quite materially and insurers are anxious that, so far as possible, one group should not subsidize another. Thus many refinements are being introduced into the calculations of premiums.

For instance, the age of the car can be important. Taking all cars, irrespective of by whom and where they may be driven, one analysis has shown that the claim frequency per 100 vehicle years is 13.4 for comprehensive and 10.0 for non-comprehensive policies (eg, third party or third party, fire and theft).

For cars less than a year old, the respective figures are 16.9 and 12.1. For comprehensive policies, the claims frequency drops steadily with the age of the car—15.7 for cars one year old, 15.4 for two-year-old cars, 14.4 for those three or four years old, down to 8.8 for those nine to 12 years and 5.3 for those in the 13-18 age bracket.

While, marginally, older cars may produce lower claims because they are older (eg, a lower figure will have to be paid in the event of total loss), in the main older cars do not produce fewer claims simply because the cars are older.

For instance, old cars are found more frequently in country areas where there are fewer accidents. Probably more important than that is the simple fact that most old cars are used less than new cars.

Someone with a high mileage (and thus a greater chance of being involved in an accident) will need a fairly new car, whereas old cars tend to be owned by those who cannot afford (or are not inclined) to run them very extensively—and so there is less risk of an accident.

On the other hand, young people often own old cars. And, as is well known, young drivers with little experience are a distinctly poor risk. So there are plenty of factors to be taken into consideration.

One cannot, however, get away from the fact that in general terms the older the car the better the risk is likely to be.

In the past, insurers used to increase the premium for cars which were more than, say, five years old. The latest statistics show they were wrong and that, ideally, the average premium should be charged for cars which are four or five years old—with more being charged for newer cars and less for older ones.

I have mentioned the age of drivers and, although not all young drivers run into trouble, as a whole the young do not move up the no-claim discount scale as quickly as more mature people.

In view of this, some insurers criticize the practice of some of their competitors of cancelling the extra premium payable by a young driver when he has moved into a higher no-claim discount category, or the highest.

Their argument is that not only are young policy holders, as a whole, receiving more reward than their experience seems to warrant, but also they are probably not being rated up sufficiently for their age.

Despite the complaints from young drivers, most insurers are probably charging them premiums which are really too low, with the result that, to some extent they are still being subsidized by older motorists.

On top of all the calculations to arrive at the correct premium for motorists within individual groups is the no-claim discount—dependent solely on the experience under individual policies, although it must be added that it refers to claims of almost any kind and (apart from some claims under the knock for knock agreement) takes no account of where the blame for a claim may lie.

As the top level of discount has for some time been 60 per cent or 65 per cent (which, in normal circumstances, would be too high), insurers have had to increase their basic premiums. *In turn, this acted harshly on* those who had driven claim free for a number of years before owning a car and thus needing their own insurance.

To overcome this difficulty, often an introductory discount of 20 per cent or so may be allowed in approved cases. So the basic premium may be paid by very few people, except those who bring claims and go back to that particular square on the snakes-and-ladders principle.

Whether the no-claim discount scales are really fair is another matter, although it has to be remembered that the aim is not simply to reward the careful driver, but to provide an automatic and fairly stiff penalty for anyone who brings a claim.

John Drummond

Investment trusts

Letting a computer do the agonizing

One irate reader, clearly finding time on his hands during the three-day week to lament his investment losses, wrote to us that the management of the investment trust in which he was invested (and had lost half his money in the space of 18 months) would be far better employed down a coal mine. Others have suggested that their investment managers be supplied with pins to pick shares, but none has yet written to suggest that the investment manager should be replaced by a computer.

But that is what has very nearly happened to the investment managers of Cumulus Investment Trust. In fact, the Kleinwort Benson investment department which was originally responsible for managing the fund on the basis of the collective wisdom of its investment department (and, doubtless, that of many stockbrokers' research departments) is now little more than an investment administrator of the fund. And much the same goes for the directors of the trust. The real master is a computer in Nottingham.

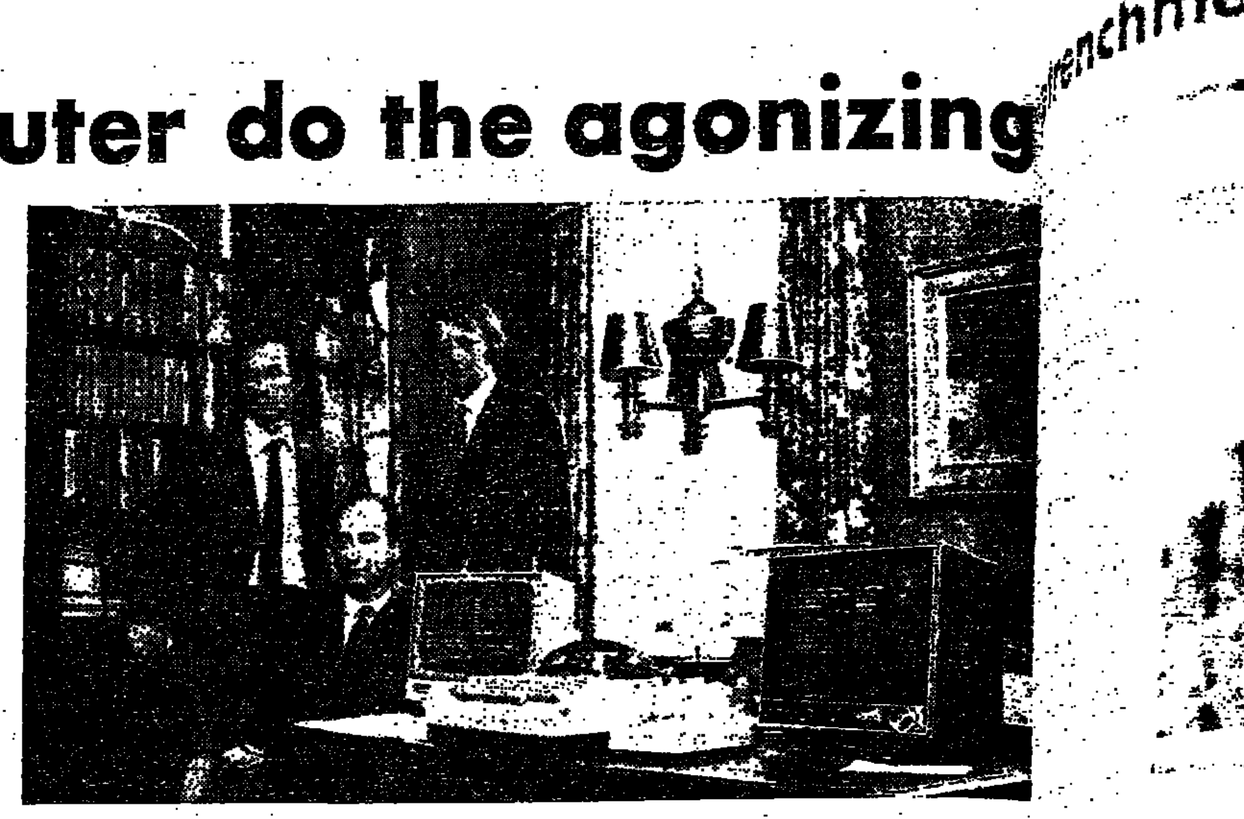
Once a week—every Thursday morning to be precise—the Nottingham computer serves up a print-out of the best buys and best sells, among 4,000 of the world's leading quoted companies. The recommendations are briefly discussed by the board and the Kleinwort investment department. Then the week's investment policy is put into train as quickly as possible.

TAC, or Technical Analysis by Computer, is the brainchild of George Coggan—as quietly spoken as one would expect of a former full-time member of the engineering faculty of Nottingham University, yet as elegantly turned out as the most impressive, cigar-smoking City gent. He developed his ideas in the late sixties and hawked them around the City without much success until he attracted the attention of John Smith, the Cumulus chairman who, in 1970, had just decided to give up his parliamentary seat as member for Westminster and the City.

TAC went live in July, 1970, with a weekly service based on 600 London quotations, the service being provided to Cumulus and a number of other investors including the Abacus unit trust stable. Since then the system has been expanded, culminating in last summer's introduction of the TAC world programme. This monitors 4,000 leading securities in 21 countries—1,069 in Britain, 1,868 in the United States and the remainder spread among the rest of the world's main stock markets.

The exact formula on which the computer bases its recommendations remains hidden safely within it, away from the eyes of prying outsiders, but the principles on which the formula is based are those of the technical analyst. In other words, the approach is closer to that of the chartist than the analyst who bases his approach on the study of an economy, then an industry in that economy and, finally, a company within that industry.

In short, the system is based on price rather than value analysis. Within that framework, the most important single elements are the long and short term price trends of a share relative to other shares and, equally important, relative to cash. When it comes to making recommendations, the computer takes account of currency movements, marketability and the tax position.



Maxwell Noton, John Smith (chairman), and George Coggan, of Cumulus Investment Trust

Soon it is hoped to be able to expand the programme still further. An elaborate switching system for short-dated gilts has been devised by Dr Maxwell Noton, another engineering academic but this time from the University of Waterloo, Canada, although Cumulus itself is too small to make the best use of the new scheme.

So what are the drawbacks to the system? One is that the computer obviously cannot be aware of political change. Once recent example of this has been the computer's continuing recommendation of selected gold shares without being aware of the coup in Portugal. A second is that the system could demand a rate of portfolio turnover higher than the Inland Revenue may be prepared to accept for an investment trust. Another is that the computer is still not fully programmed in the marketability of certain shares, simply because the shares have not yet appeared on the buy list and the management have not had to test the market in them.

More important, though, how successful has the system proved? Well, to date, the computer has outperformed the *FT* All-Share index in 13 out of the last 14 quarter years, with an average gain relative to the index of some 2½ per cent a quarter. The latest half-yearly report, out last Thursday, makes impressive reading too, with net assets at the end of March down by only 12 per cent on a year ago against an index fall over the same period of 38 per cent.

What has the computer advised to obtain this kind of performance? Certainly, its decision to go heavily for United States shares last autumn has not worked out as well as it might have. But it seems to have done better in advising the reduction of the trust's United Kin holdings to two—the mai being Albright & Wilson. F rest, it has done well on shares, correctly spotted Sw as the only promising Eur market and, equally cor turned some 45 per cent c fund into cash or near cas

The surprise, then, is th shares of Cumulus itself not been top performers. have underperformed the i ment trust sector by nea fifth over the last year an rently stand at a near 3 cent discount to net asset though, as John Smith exp the computer has lost m more slowly than almost an else. One explanation, per is that the shares would b likely to fulfil the comp criteria for marketability.

John Whitm

Norman Miller: Federation's two-fold objective

Unit Trusts

European industry takes shape

The European Federation of Investment Funds and Companies sprang into existence at the beginning of the week. Its members are the British Association of Unit Trust Managers and its counterparts in Belgium, France and West Germany; associate membership has been granted to key fund groups in Denmark, Holland, Italy, Ireland and Luxembourg in the absence of national associations in those countries.

The objective of the new Federation is two-fold: it is primarily for the protection of shareholders and the good name of the industry; its other aim is to provide a representative body to deal with the EEC committees which currently have mutual fund issues under inspection. For the time being, this latter role will predominate.

At the moment, the EEC has two committees sitting on mutual funds. One is looking at prospectus requirements and the other at the harmonization of mutual fund law. Only the British delegation fielded someone from the industry—Norman Miller, director of the Save and Prosper group—into these particular gatherings of Euro-civil servants.

It was this splendid, and worying, isolation of Miller which led him to canvass for the setting-up of the Federation. His 18-month sojourn in Brussels had led to the conclusion that the committees were quite likely to come up with proposals "which would not be bought by the industry".

He felt that an official body which could be consulted before the final directives were issued would prevent suggestions such as the one that the management group of each individual fund should be capitalized at £400,000 from proceeding much further.

When the two committees first met it was clear that they were operating under the shadow of the IOS débacle. Over the last nine months or so, says Miller, there has been a welcome change. "The commission is taking a less doctrinaire view now and accepting that there are certain problems which one cannot legislate for."

This change of attitude is welcome news for the mutual fund industry, and in particular the British unit trust industry. It means that "equivalence" rather than strict "harmonization" is likely to be the order of the day. And in view of the industry's many divergent practices, in particular the actual legal concept of a trust (a peculiarly British animal) means that much more is likely to be accomplished and more quickly.

If the equivalence of mutual fund law is accepted rather than harmonization it would be based on the Commission laying down certain minimum requirements of all national laws. But it would not outlaw the individual requirements of those laws over and above the basic minimum requirements.

If and when the full freedom for the movement of capital in the EEC is permitted, what this would mean in practice is that German mutual funds, French sivacs etc could all be sold in this country and, of course, that British unit trusts could b moted as well as sold in a other EEC countries.

In the meantime, the mum requirements are hammered out. These are to include levels of disc including any conflict of in (ie do the directors interest in the shares i underlying portfolios), amount of assets to be in in any one company, th centage of a company's shares to be held, all po changes, and the indep status of the managemen pany.

There has already been of interest expressed i Federation from tax based funds and Am mutual funds. Ultimately could be draw in—but th long term objective, partic as the status of third c funds is still under debate ever, the creation of an national federation would worthwhile goal.

Margaret St

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

DITED BY MARGARET STONE

vestor's week

Retrenchment • Sugar shares

ether strong Gilts and steady dties signpost the way to the t bull market is still far from tain, even though both Gilts equities proved last week the previous five days' ting reflected more than just echnical reaction in Government securities and a stock rtage of ordinary shares.

Vith Gilt buying extending to dium-dated stocks, the talk of real money coming back the market. And the way ities rode out the 24-hour neering strike and the threat a seamen's stoppage in supt of a higher wage claim, h the *FT* Index finishing ually unchanged on the week, s some weight to the argut now being heard that the k market is treading out a base line from which the t bull phase will be launched.

nd if the violent fluctuations he price of Triumph Invester Trust show that dealers have the jitters over the ncial sector, then at least the p price movements are ming localized: while anr major casualty of the bear ket, property shares, are ining some dignity at the lity end.

he flaw in this argument is dealings remain at an hiscally low level of perhaps the volume of two months —a situation that must alter re we really see the death he bear and the birth of the awaited bull market.

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tive to the market, the e major sugar-orientated inments have performed well recent months. But this is surprising given the encourg outlook for the commod- worldwide, the improving spect for cane refiners foling the general election the *strength of the non*r activities of both Booker Connell and Tate & Lyle.

lthough Manbré & Garton is only second to Tate & Lyle in market performance with a 17 per cent improvement since last November, its position as number two in the cane refining *industry* and its greater dependence upon sugar and, hence, exposure to political risks render it a less attractive investment than the other three.

Harvesting cane sugar.

On the cane sugar side, adverse weather conditions last year in the Caribbean area led to a serious shortfall in supplies, thus enabling, or even encouraging, producers to sell sugar outside the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement at the much more profitable world price.

The expectation that United Kingdom imports of cane *sugar will be some 20* per cent below the 1.7 million ton target has in part been responsible for the drawing of around 100,000 tons of sugar from Government emergency stockpiles on the understanding that these will be made good later this year when supplies should become more available.

The shortage helped the Commonwealth producers to strengthen their arguments for a better price—a call answered in March when it was agreed to raise the price by £22 a ton to £83 a long ton. But earlier this month the Guyana government announced its intention of imposing a levy of 55 per cent on the excess when the export price reached £70 and 70 per cent on the excess over £100. This will bear chiefly on Booker McConnell whose estates are expected to produce this year 304,000 tons of the *country's target of 360,000 tons.*

But this should not detract seriously from the appeal of Booker where earnings this year should increase from £4.09m to something over £5m. Sugar contributed less than 10 per cent of earnings last year most of the running will now be made by the shipping, drink and retailing operations both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Tate and Lyle, having outperformed the *FT* All Share Index by 31 per cent in the past six months, has perhaps seen the best of its short-term potential used up. This strength is partly a factor of the favourable effecr of the current high sugar prices upon its commodity trading side, a strong position in shipping and the increasing confidence that the interests of the United Kingdom cane refiners will be safeguarded in Brussels, although this activity now accounts for only a sixth of profits. At 159p the shares are selling at 8.5 times earnings and yield a highly acceptable 8½ per cent.

The British Sugar Corporation, 36 per cent controlled by the Government, is unique in that it is the sole beet sugar producer and depends completely on beet and its byproducts. But at least the picture here is significantly clearer than for its cane competitors with *the current year* expected to bring in profits verging on the £15m level compared with last year's outturn of £7.07m.

The impetus is coming from the first benefits for the United Kingdom beet industry as it moves towards an integrated EEC pricing structure and, to a lesser extent, an increase in production. At 365p the shares are selling at 11.9 times historic earnings with the prospective ratio around 6. The snag lies in the yield of only 2.9 per cent although an historic cover of over five times is a point to remember when dividend restraint *shows signs* of easing.

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ance Bill

Velcome hange of eart

s clear that the final version the Finance Bill is *going* to y substantially from its orial form. Not only has the position already given notice t it will be pressing for endments to the Finance Bill the committee stage, but the ncellor himself is showing a come ability to listen to ics and act on some of their gestions.

Ir Healey has now recoged the particular hardship of orced or separated women. intenance payments are sed as investment income tax purposes and the Govment's decision to make the estment income surcharge licable at £1,000 instead of 00 was a blow. Mr Healey accepted this point and the re of £2,000 (the second 00 must be maintenance ments) has been reinstated.

his welcome amendment, ever, makes the Governt's attitude to older people children in receipt of mainnce income appear anoma- Recognizing the difficultof older people, the Finance fixed the investment me surcharge at £1,500 for . This provision, previously idered generous, remains. ndly the Government still ears to hold fast to the argut that children's income ved from maintenance payts should still be aggregated that of its parent.

ere has also been some retion in the Government's ude to tax relief on mortloan interest. There are two exemptions from the ket provision that only loan est on principal private lences would qualify for the f. Anyone buying a house a dependent relative will the loan classified as an nsion of his own house and re relief on the total loan o £25,000.

condly a husband who cones to meet the payments on house of his divorced or rated wife will continue to y tax relief.

Taxation: capital gains

More than mere chattels

The term "tangible movable property" frequently crops up in capital gains tax law but it is not as incomprehensible as it sounds. It is the lawyer's language for a chattel, something *touchable and movable.* This type of asset is taxable with two special exemptions.

The one that affects perhaps the majority of *people* is the exemption for privately *owned chattels* which are wasting assets, such as motor cars, caravans and yachts. The criterion of a wasting asset is that it has a predictable useful life not exceeding 50 years.

The fact is of course that subject to exceptional circumstances, no one is going to make a gain on the disposal of this sort of asset; a loss is inevitable. But because the gain is not taxable a loss is not allowable either.

The second exemption extends to chattels other than those which are wasting assets, for instance paintings, antiques and jewelry. It applies where the consideration for disposal does not exceed £1,000. Consideration here means the actual sale proceeds, or alternatively market value if the chattel has been given away or has been deliberately sold at under-value.

If the consideration exceeds £1,000 the benefit of the exemption is not necessarily lost altogether. There is some advantage, if the excess is modest, under what is known as marginal relief. One-half of the excess over £1,000 is treated as the actual tax payable if it results in a lower tax bill than working it out by the normal methods.

To give an example, if an oil painting has been bought for £900 and is later sold for £1,050 and the buying and selling expenses are £30, the gain is £120 (£1,050 less £930). The maximum amount of tax that can be charged is £25, one-half of the excess over £1,000.

Under the normal method of working out the tax the maximum is 30 per cent of the gain. In the example the gain of £120 would result in tax of £36, but the marginal relief calculation of £25 is substituted as this gives a lower figure.

"I'll have you know, young man, that you are looking at a Modigliani, not at a 'tangible, movable property'!"

The alternative way, if it gives a lower liability, is to tax half of the gains made up to £5,000 and the whole of the remainder over £5,000 at the individual's top income tax rates. For instance, if an individual has taxable income (that is, income after the deduction of personal reliefs) of £3,000 and makes a gain of £120 the tax payable will be £60 at 33 per cent under the alternative method. To put it another way the whole of the gain is taxed at 16.5 per cent (half the basic rate).

Applying these figures to the sale of the oil painting the final tax bill would be £60 at 33 per cent, that is, £19.80. This alternative basis will not benefit an individual whose top rate of income tax is over 60 per cent.

If the sale of a chattel is exempt from capital gains tax because its consideration is below £1,000 then the benefit of any loss incurred cannot be claimed.

On the other hand one could have the situation where the consideration is below £1,000 but the cost of the asset was greater than £1,000. In such a case a restricted loss relief is given, by substituting £1,000 for the price realized.

Thus, if an antique sofa is bought for £1,100, the expenses of purchase and sale are £20, and it is finally sold for £900 the allowable loss will be £120, that is a total cost of £1,120 less £1,000 consideration substituted for £900.

While on the subject of losses there is a very strict rule concerning the way they can be relieved. Unfortunately they cannot be claimed against income. They can only be set against capital gains of the same tax year, and any balance must be carried forward and can only be allowed against the capital *gains of future tax years.*

There is no time limit here. The losses can be carried forward from year to year until fully extinguished. With one exception for losses incurred in the year of death they cannot be carried back.

The £1,000 exemption rule for chattels applies to each individual item and there is no restriction to the number of chattels that can be exempt in each tax year. However, there is an anti-avoidance provision to prevent owners of "sets" of articles disposing of them piece-meal in order to get the benefit of the exemption on each individual piece.

Vera Di Palma

it trust performance

T TRUSTS: Growth and Specialist Funds (progress this year and ast three years). Unitholder Index 1503.0 fall from −3.7% ary 1, 1974.

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dts Capital	11.3	5.1
orn Prof Assns	11.1	—
Capital Acc	10.8	−0.4
man	8.1	22.1
& G. Magnum	7.3	48.0
ial Situations	4.9	3.2
& G. Compound	4.1	36.9
ton	3.8	−3.4
e Growth	3.0	−30.0
Private Inv	1.7	—
ton Acc	1.2	21.6
r Walker Acc	1.0	19.6
borough	−0.1	—
bro 2nd Smaller	−0.4	—
r Walker Prof	−0.5	—
Opportunity	−0.6	13.3
orn Recovery	−0.9	—
Life Cap	−1.1	−8.6
g Capital	−1.3	—
r Walker Assets	−1.4	38.8
Court Equity	−1.4	−8.4
l Cap Growth	−1.5	24.0
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rs House	−2.1	—
Capital	−2.1	7.4
tal Priority	−2.5	4.8
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nic Recovery	−3.8	−2.8
ot Compound	−3.9	—
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r Walker Grwth	−3.9	18.9
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gan Grenf Cap	−4.4	4.3
C. Unit Trust	−4.4	—
G. Recovery	−4.7	58.7
P. Ebor Sel Gr	−4.8	—
West Cap	−4.9	−9.9
I. Growth	−4.9	1.5
ge Capital	−5.1	5.6
oder Capital	−5.5	−26.6
le Conv Gr	−8.0	—
Personal Port	−6.0	47.1
& G. Special	−6.1	26.4
S. & P. Capital	−6.2	−15.0
Vanguard Growth	−6.5	−17.1
New Court Smaller Co	−6.6	—
S. & P. Scotfunds	−6.7	34.4
S. & P. Ebor Cap.	−7.1	−8.0
Oceanic Perf	−7.5	—
Oceanic Prog	−7.7	−15.0
S. & P. Scotgrowth	−7.8	−0.5
Hambro Smaller Co	−8.5	2.8
Tyndall Nat & Com	−8.9	−20.9
Unicorn Gro Acc	−9.1	−11.5
Tyndall Capital	−9.3	−14.7
Abbey Capital	−9.5	—
Drayton Growth	−9.9	−1.7
Stockholders	−10.1	−21.7
Target Growth	−11.3	−24.5
Abacus Growth	−11.6	−8.5
Portfolio Cap	−12.1	−3.9
Surinvest Perf	−12.6	21.8
First Nat Gro	−14.1	—
Crescent Growth	−17.2	−15.0
P. & M. Growth	−18.5	—
E.P. Growth	−24.8	−25.1
SPECIALIST		
Jessel Gold & Gen	37.6	96.1
IL Int Consumer	21.3	4.2
Jessel Commodity	17.9	66.3
M. & G. Japan	17.1	107.0
M. & G. Australian	16.6	—
Drayton Com. & Gen	15.9	86.4
Sec. Sel. Univ. Gth	15.8	—
S. & P. Japan Growth	15.2	84.9
Nat. Natural Res	13.3	—
S. & P. Ebor Com	13.2	58.6
Jessel Aus. & Gen	12.7	—
Unicorn Australia	12.0	55.8
Jascot International	11.7	20.9
Jascot Commodity	11.3	30.6
Met. Mins. & Comms	11.1	5.6
Jascot Australian	10.5	—
Jessel Plant. & Gen.	8.4	55.7
Oceanic Overseas	7.9	10.6
New Court Exempt	7.9	13.5
London & Brussels	7.4	—
Universal	6.1	−8.6
Cedar Overseas	5.9	—
Vav Oil & Nat	5.6	2.8
Vav Financial	5.0	—
Barbican Eur. Ex	4.6	—
Cedar European	4.0	—
Charter Euro	3.3	—
Gt. W'n'he'r Overseas	3.0	—
Vavasseur Inter	2.8	26.9
Hill Samuel Int	2.7	−3.3
S. Walker Financial	2.4	—
M. & G. Supertrust	1.8	—
Ionian Foreign	1.8	—
Practical	1.6	−23.3
Jascot Capital	1.6	−27.6
Talisman Int	1.5	—
Hambro Exempt	1.4	—
National Natbifs	1.2	−3.7
M. & G. Inv Trust	1.2	−15.6
S. & P. Scotlaps	0.7	7.4
M. & G. European	0.4	—
Schroder Europe	0.0	37.1
Crescent Inter	0.0	10.5
S. & P. Scotex Yield	−0.4	3.7
Jessel Exempt	−0.4	—
Hill Samuel Finan	−0.4	−16.0
Drayton F.I.T.S.	−0.5	−14.2
Charterhouse Fits	−0.5	—
Surinvest Trident Int	−0.6	2.5
Hill Samuel Dollar	−0.9	−7.0
S. & P. Euro Gro	−1.0	24.1
Bridge Overseas	−1.1	—
Target Inv Trust	−1.5	−22.0
Jessel Global	−1.5	—
New Court Int	−1.8	—
Bishops Internat	−2.1	—
Oceanic Financial	−2.1	0.7
S. & P. Scotex Gro	−2.2	12.4
Jascot Preference	−2.5	—
Stewart American	−2.5	—
Bridge Exempt	−2.6	—
Oceanic Investment	−2.6	−28.7
Jascot Fin. & Prop	−3.0	—
Target Exempt	−3.0	−1.0
Grandchester Fund	−3.2	—
Secs. of America	−3.3	−19.1
Rowan Inter	−3.5	—
Jascot North Sea	−3.8	—
Nat Gas & Power	−3.9	7.5
M. & G. Pension Ex	−3.9	−4.3
Vavasseur N America	−4.0	—
S. & P. Ebor Univ	−4.0	71.1
Unicorn Financial	−4.1	−4.4
Schroder P. & C.	−4.1	−12.5
G.T. US. & General	−4.4	—
G.T. Japan & Gen	−4.4	—
Abbey Inv Trust	−4.6	—
Vav. Australian	−4.7	—
Allied Hambro Int	−5.1	—
Abacus Arbut. Inter.	−6.1	—
Morgan Grenf. Ex.	−6.2	—
S. & P. Financial	−6.3	3.1
Unicorn Worldwide	−6.4	—
M. & G. Charifund	−6.9	1.5
S. & P. Invest Trust	−7.0	−29.5
M & G Far East	−7.0	—
S & P US Growth	−70.	−22.5
Jessel Inv Trust	−7.1	−18.1
Nat. West. Financial	−7.1	−5.6
London Wall Int	−7.2	−20.3
Target Internat	−7.3	—
Schroder Rec	−7.3	16.0
National Inv. Trust	−8.0	−28.4
Henderson Gross	−8.7	—
Jessel Prop. & Gen.	−9.6	9.7
S & P Eb Pro & Bu	−9.9	4.9
North American	−9.9	−33.3
Vavasseur Euro	−10.4	—
Target Financial	−10.4	1.5
M. & G. American	−10.5	—
Unicorn Exempt	−10.8	−8.8
Financial Priority	−10.9	4.4
S. & P. Scotbits	−10.9	−17.6
Target Pref	−11.3	−25.8
Minster Exempt	−11.9	—
Charter Inter	−12.0	−33.1
Metro Exempt	−12.2	—
Schroder Spec Ex	−12.4	−14.4
Tyndall Local Auth	−12.7	−14.7
Key Ex Key Fd	−12.7	—
Vavasseur I.T.U.	−12.9	−31.3
Jessel City of Lon	−13.2	−7.2
S. & P. Ebor Fin	−14.1	−13.4
S. & P. Ebor En	−14.1	—
Tyndall Exempt	−16.0	−18.9
Oceanic Exempt	−17.8	—
Vavasseur Far East	−17.9	—

A : % growth plus reinvested income since January 1, 1974
B : % growth over past three years to May 8, 1974
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FINANCIAL NEWS

Strong start puts Samuel Osborn on way to full-time £1.7m

By David Mott

Sheffield-based steel group Samuel Osborn is looking to raise its profits this term from £671,000 to around the £1.7m mark, a target which, if achieved, would mean an impressive two-year turn-round from the £212,000 loss incurred in 1971-72.

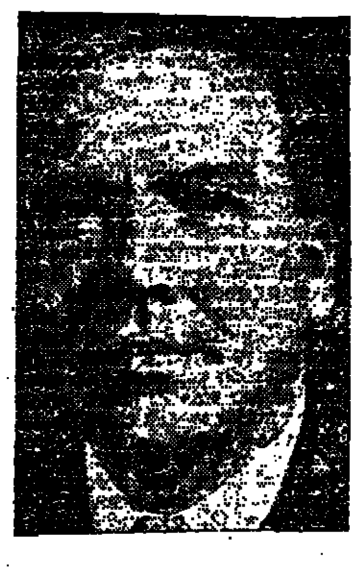
The half-time result to March 22 (which provides another example of the three-day week not proving to be as disastrous as was first thought likely) proved to be a continuation of the trend set in the preceding six months when profits rose sharply from £124,000 in the opening half to £547,600.

This time there was an almost sevenfold leap to £842,000 with all group companies achieving a profit, including the toolmaking business upon which the restricted working bore most heavily but where output was helped by the installation of a generator. Total turnover rose from £8.53m to almost £12.5m.

Breaking down profits at the trading level, the steel company, now producing more than ever with a considerably reduced labour force, moved from a loss of £285,000 to a profit of £185,000; profits of the tool business (in spite of its problems) were only £19,000 less at £122,000; while there was a 76 per cent boost on the overseas side from £462,000 to £811,000, with similar buoyancy expected over the final leg. The pre-tax is arrived at after adding in associates of £34,000 (£23,000) and deducting interest of £310,000 (£217,000).

Looking to the future the board says order books throughout the group are good and subject to the usual provisions the second half should at least match the first. Subject to the consent of the Treasury shareholders are to receive a payment doubled to 1.25p "in view of the improvement in earnings".

As a footnote on the price of steel, with all its repercussions on the consumer, the company says prices are "only now" approaching the level required to support the capital investment necessary to the industry.



Mr Bernard Cotton, chairman of Samuel Osborn: Steel prices only now reaching level required to support necessary level of investment.

Aberdeen Cons profit drops to six-year low

Although turnover of Aberdeen Construction reached record levels in 1973 group profits were severly cut back by losses of over £1m in building companies in Chesterfield, Glasgow and Edinburgh. In their interim report at half-time the board were confident of producing record figures after overcoming problems of loss-making subsidiaries, but their forecast was overtaken by events. The share price, as if in expectation of bad figures, has been hovering around the year's low point of 52p.

Group taxable profits have fallen by 30 per cent from £1.6m to £1.09m and this is arrived at after crediting £212,000, being depreciation written off properties in prior years and arising as a consequence of the revaluation of properties which has now been carried out. The profits are at the lowest level for over six years and earnings a share have been cut back from 9.27p to 5.39p; but the board are holding the total dividend at 5.25p.

Reporting the £1m loss, which prevented the group achieving its target, the board say that Reema (Scotland), which has consistently incurred losses in recent years, has closed and its assets are being realized. Profits on certain fixed price contracts were much less than forecast due to huge increases in the cost of materials and labour which these contracts must bear without recompense.

Leboff scrip after peak year

On top of a peak trading year, and with more acquisitions in the wind, the S. Leboff (Fobel) do-it-yourself group is proposing a one-for-five scrip issue. Shareholders will also receive a dividend of 1.34p, against equal to 1.28p.

Taxable profits have passed the £1m mark for the first time with a 38 per cent rise to £1.01m. As usual, the second half provided the bulk of profits with a 35 per cent increase to £581,000. However, the growth rate was a bit faster in the first half, when profits improved by 42 per cent to £431,000. Turnover figures are not given.

Not content with buying Freedman & Matz (Timber Products) in March for £273,000 in shares the board is now negotiating for a number of important acquisitions "which could be of considerable benefit to the group as a whole".

JW Pickles returns heavy loss

J. W. Pickles, the Yorkshire-based paint and household goods distributors which went public in October, 1972, suffered a sharp deterioration in the second half of last year and an overall loss of £492,000. This compares with a profit of £423,000 in the group's maiden stock market year.

At the interim stage, profits were only modestly lower than the previous year at £187,000, but in the second half a heavy loss of £689,000 was incurred. In November, Mr K. B. Pickles, the chairman, wrote to shareholders that the cost of a wide programme of development would have "a restraining effect on profits at this time".

In addition to the large pre-tax loss, Pickles has omitted the final dividend and has written off £102,000 as an extraordinary after-tax item which is described as a provision for special expenses in connexion with current reorganization in the group.

To blame are the problems experienced in the factoring and merchanting divisions. Margins have been continually under pressure. However, the group says it is well within its current borrowing facilities and sees no liquidity problems. It is expecting a further loss in the first half of 1974.

Reports

Liberty looks to exports this year

Along with other retail groups, the profits outlook for Liberty, the London store, in 1974 looks pretty bleak. Mr A. I. Stewart-Liberty, chairman, says that the Government's proposal to cut retailer's gross profit margins by 10 per cent would, if enforced, almost eliminate the group's retail profit at the level of sales which could be expected in 1974.

At present sales are up around 2.5 per cent on last year, but taking inflation into account, the gross margin measure and prohibitive rates of interest do not encourage the group to proceed yet with its planned improvements to two London stores.

Wholesale sales of the group subsidiary Liberty of London Prints are around 43 per cent up on the year so far and the order book is around 26 per cent up with export orders strong. He says it is in this direction rather than retailing that the group is looking for improvement in 1974.

Wimpey takes confident view of future

Builders George Wimpey are in a "very healthy position" and Mr R. Gane told his first meeting as chairman that the company looked to the future with a great deal of confidence.

However, there were several imponderables, the outcome of which would determine how the company fared. The chairman said there had been serious supply delays for materials and equipment even before the three-day week began and the *increase* in fuel costs was another cause for concern.

Inquiries, though, were at a high level for all activities both in the United Kingdom and abroad and turnover was satisfactory in the first quarter.

WILMOT BREEDEN

Chairman says overseas operations kept group profitable for first quarter which included three-day working.

TELEPHONE RENTALS

Group has largest order book in its history and new rental business in first four months of current year is considerably higher.

HOPKINSONS HOLDINGS

Energy crisis has prompted many countries in increase substantially number of nuclear power stations to be built in next 10 years and this augurs well for future of company.

BRITISH OXYGEN—KWIKCUTS

Company acquired fixed assets of Kwikcuts, specialist diamond drillers, from Bovis. Service will continue.

WARD WHITE

Chairman told annual meeting that group had "acceptable level of profitability" in first quarter.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Base rate cut gives further impetus to gilts

Gilt edged prices yesterday continued their steady advance, helped considerably by the Lloyds Bank cut in base rate. Prices were marked up from the outset and buyers were immediately in evidence. The tap stocks were in keen demand and the Government Broker appears to have steadily supplied the market with fresh stock.

"Shorts" opened ⅛ point above overnight levels, and then strengthened further, hesitating only briefly ahead of the weekly Treasury bill tender result. In spite of the disclosure that the minimum lending rate was unchanged and the news of fresh rises in United States prime rates, prices closed near the day's best levels, with rises of up to ⅝ point.

"Longs" and "mediums" experienced a similar pattern, rising in ⅛ point jumps to close at the top of the market, with gains commonly of ¾ point, but occasionally displaying even ⅞ and 1⅛ point rises.

The market generally has been surprised at the continuing strength of the movement in gilts over the past two weeks, and remains profoundly suspicious about the inherent strength of the present position. Corporation stocks rose ½ point, and good demand for the new "farmers" loan pushed the price up ½ point to ¾ point premium.

The last day of the trading account brought further gains in share prices. Industrial shares continued to move up strongly behind the gilt-edged market, with the base rate cut from Lloyds Bank fuelling hopes of lower interest rates in the United Kingdom.

But City investors remained unconvinced of the prospects for lower rates while world rates continue rising, and turnover in equities was thin by bull market standards.

Yesterday's recorded bargains totalled 6,888, while amplified figures for Thursday disclose that equity trading by value was worth £53.5m—no great figure even by recent standards.

The absence of a cut in Minimum Lending Rate, or indeed in base rates from other major banks, took some of the steam out of the rise in share prices. Some major stocks closed below their best levels.

Thus, ICI, 5p up at 230p had touched 231p, and Courtaulds, 4p up at 107p had been to 208p. Beecham (224p) and Unilever (299p) had similar fortunes.

Heavy engineering issues extended their recovery from the shock administered by the spectre of another strike in the industry. Vickers were outstanding at 119p, after the chairman's report on trading progress while press suggestions that Wms Hudson might soon be able to take a profit on its 24 per cent stake in Vickers lifted the Wms Hudson share price.

BLMC (12p) held unchanged, while GKN (187p) and Reyrolle Parsons (73p) found supporters.

Among the internationals, Reed International were in demand ahead of the profits announcement expected within the next account. The shares added 10p to 236p.

Lord Balogh's prediction of profits from North Sea oil continued to boost shares with interests in this sector. Thomson Org (189p) put on a further few pence. Berry Wiggins were in demand.

But consumer stocks had a fairly quiet day, and were looking mixed at the close. Press comment on the trading results were good for a few pence on the share price of Mothercare. Boots (178p) added 2p, while Marks & Spencer (160p) lost a similar amount.

There was selective interest in food shares. Spillers moved up to 34½p with recent hints that a major stakeholder has sold out bringing renewed hopes of a bid. J. Lyons, badly hammered when the market fell back, climbed by 10p to 196p.

The banking sector moved uncertainly after the Lloyds rate cut. Lloyds themselves closed 5p off at 217p, but with no news of intended cuts from the other major lending banks, their share prices were steadier at the end of the session. National Westminster (239p) put on 4p, and Barclays (255p) and Midland (also 255p) ended unchanged.

An active feature was Slater Walker Securities, which moved between 160p and 153p, finally closing a net 1p up at 156p, as the bid speculators balanced denials from Natwest and from Hongkong and Shanghai Banking against the chances of a move from elsewhere.

Gold shares opened strongly, with higher London prices for bullion bringing sudden demand for shares in a market short of stock. Later, prices topped, although gains in Blyvoors (815p) and Bracken Mines (260p) and a number of others remained on record. Oil shares after looking firm for much of the day, turned dull in the final hour.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Aberdeen Cons Gp (25p) Fin	3.16	3.16	28/6	5.25	5.25
Bainbridge Bros (10p) Fin	1.3	1.25	3/7	2.05	2.0
Davenports Brew (25p) Int	0.87	0.87	1/7	—	3.12
Fortnum & Mason (£1) Fin	21.16	20.16	29/6	26.16	25.16
Herman Smith (10p) Int	0.34	0.33	14/6	—	0.52
S. Leboff (Fobel) (10p) Fin	0.76	0.72†	—	1.34	1.28†
Mentmore Mfg (5p) Fin	0.88	0.72	1/10	1.12††	0.95
Samuel Osborn (25p) Int	1.25§	0.62	12/7	—	1.25
Randalls Group (25p) Fin	3.23	2.98	8/6	5.23	4.98
Rotork (10p) Fin	0.7	0.94	25/6	1.3	1.24
Wolseley-Hughes (25p) Int	2.75	2.62	5/7	—	5.77

† Adjusted for scrip. †† For 13 months. § Subject to Treasury consent.

Results

Randalls soar above forecast to £633,000

Set against a forecast of £500,000 for last year, profits of Randalls Group, distributors to the building, engineering and electrical industries, soared 81 per cent to a best-ever £633,000 pre-tax. Sales reached £14.6m (£11.4m).

After a tax charge almost trebled to £320,000 the "net" was £301,000 (£205,000), and earnings a share 13.4p (10.17p). The total dividend is raised from 4.98p to 5.23p.

Mr C. Randall, chairman of Randalls Group: sales surprisingly good this year.

Mentmore Mfg

A shortage of labour and the consequent inability to meet demand meant that taxable profits of Mentmore Manufacturing fell to £513,000 in the 13 months to January 31, against £608,000 in the previous year. Also the changed year end brought in one month of three-day working.

The total dividend is 1.12p (0.72p) with the option of taking the 0.88p final payment in shares.

Davenports Brewery

Following last year's peak profit of £1.06m, Davenports Brewery (Holdings), (Birmingham based) has increased its interim pre-tax profits from £469,000 to £477,000. Turnover is not given, but the board says the result is reasonably satisfactory considering the current inflationary trends and general economic climate. The volume of sales has increased, but the three-day week affected the "beer at home" sector, where higher distribution costs are being experienced.

On net profits down from £274,000 to £224,000, the dividend is held at 0.87p.

James Beattie

Profits before tax at the James Beattie department stores group have maintained their record growth rate with a rise from £1.22m to £1.46m on turnover of £13.65m, against £11.4m. The net, however, goes down from £728,000 to £683,000 after taxes including a deferred charge of £215,000 for the past year only. Earnings a share are 11.83p (against 10.38p) and the dividend is up from 4.46p to 4.7p.

Arthur Bell

Arthur Bell, Scotch whisky distillers, hope to maintain profits at about £3.5m pre-tax this year, Mr R. Miquel writes. The current development programme, necessary to enable production to keep pace with sales, needs additional financing.

It is intended to raise the borrowing powers and increase the authorized capital.

Rotork gives 1 for five

Shareholders of Rotork, the Bristol-based valve control equipment company, are not only to receive a rise in dividend from 1.24p to 1.3p, but also a one-for-five scrip issue.

Turnover has climbed from £4.26m to £5.88m, while taxable profits go ahead from £204,000 to £386,000. Earnings a share are 6.4p (3.3p). The result is in line with expectations at half time, when profits recovered from £53,000 to £156,000, and a similar performance was promised for the second lap.

C. H. INDUSTRIALS

Chairman says intention of group remains to continue policy of growth by widening base of operations by internal development and acquisition. In year to January 31 taxable profits rose 76 per cent to £442,000 on turnover up 36 per cent at £4m.

MOSS ENGINEERING

Profits before tax in half year to February 28 were £254,000 (£189,000); group sales £4m (£3.2m); efforts of staff and some running down of stocks, helped to nullify effects of energy crisis; board still looking for record full term profits. This corrects yesterday's notice in which figures were inadvertently transposed.

BAINBRIDGE BROS

On turnover up from £394,000 to £533,000, taxable profits are £111,000 (£85,000). Earnings a share, 4.98p (3.59p) and dividend 2.05p (2p).

FORTNUM & MASON

Taxable profits £473,000 (£447,000) and dividend 26.16p (25.16p).

INA "NO" TO AVIS

INA Corp said in Philadelphia that it had decided not to acquire outstanding 52 per cent shares of Avis held by International Telephone & Telegraph. INA chairman said: "Avis does not fit with the basic plans for our insurance businesses."

FRANCIS INDUSTRIES

Budgets for year look more achievable than they did six weeks ago, and outlook encouraging.

METTOY

Chairman in annual report said experience of last few months had led to a more sober assessment of prospects for 1974. These were still satisfactory, however, and orders received so far show a substantial increase over same period last year. Export orders doubled.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS

At pretax level year's profits were £12.03m (£10.3m adjusted). Total dividend 5.75p (5p) and scrip issue on 1-for-5 basis proposed.

BANK OF IRELAND

Taxable profits for year to March 31, £15.3m against £10.7m; profit attributable £7.7m (£5.3m); earnings per capital stock, [illegible] (39.1p); total dividend, 20p [illegible] justed 15p); shareholders fun[illegible] £65.1m include £8.7m arisin[illegible] revaluation of properties.

STONEHILL HOLDINGS

In year ended March 31 pr[illegible] profit, £822,000 (£790,000); se[illegible] interim 6.7p, payable July 6 final 2.98p payable January 1975, making 11.68p (12.54p in[illegible] ing supplementary payment [illegible] quired for tax reasons as com[illegible] is "close" company).

Issues & Loans

Stigwood plans US listing

The Robert Stigwood Group is studying the possibility of applying for a quotation on one of the United States' stock exchanges, probably the American Stock Exchange.

Speaking after the group's annual meeting, Mr Robert Stigwood, chairman, said this was because 60 per cent of the group's business was currently in the United States and the proportion would rise to 75 per cent fairly soon.

£1m for Tonga

Britain is providing an in[illegible] est-free loan of £1m over th[illegible] years to Tonga. The loan [illegible] be repayable over 25 years [illegible] a two year grace peri[illegible] will increase the level of [illegible] aid being given by Brit[illegible] Tonga—now running at [illegible] £250,000 annually—by a thi[illegible]

The loan is in addition to technical assistance [illegible] Britain is already giving To[illegible] in the form of training Britain and the provision [illegible] experts and equipment in To[illegible]

Sydoestsjaellands Elektric[illegible] (SEAS), of Denmark is [illegible] ning a public 15-year bond [illegible] of 8m Swiss francs.

Christopher Wil[illegible]

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾% 1988	90	91
American Motors 9% 1980	93	94
Anglo-American 7½% 1987	78	79½
Ashland 8% 1987	88¼	89¼
Australasia 8% 1987	88½	89½
BICC 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bluebell 7½% 1987	83	84½
Bristol 8½% 1979	89	90
British Steel Corp 8¾% 1989	89	90
Burlington 7¾% 1987	87¼	88¼
Cadbury 7¾% 1990	79	80
Carrier 8% 1987	83	89
Colombia 8½% 1988	90	92
Cons Food 7¾% 1991	84½	85½
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾% 1987	85½	86½
Coventry 8¾% 1991	93½	94½
Coventry 8½% 1980	91	92
Curacao Tokyo 8¾% 1988	92½	93½
Cutler Hammer 8% 1987	88½	89½
Dana 8% 1987	88¼	89¼
Denmark Kingdom 7½% 1990	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾% 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dundee 9¼% 1983	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom 9¼% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
EIB 8¼% 1988	93¼	94¼
Eurofima 8¼% 1989	93¼	94¼
First Chicago 7½% 1980	91	92
First Pennsylvania 7¾% 1984	85	86
Fisons 8¾% 1987	85½	86½
GATX 8¼% 1987	88½	89½
General Cables 8¼% 1987	88½	89½
Guardian Royal 8% 1987	87½	88½
GHH 7¾% 1988	80½	81½
Hambros 7½% 1987	82¼	83¼
Hammerson 8% 1987	84½	85½
Hilton 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
ICI 7½% 1992	79½	80½
International Utd 8¼% 1982	92½	93½
Kleinwort 8¼% 1987	85½	86½
Lancashire 9¼% 1981	98½	99½
Legal & Gen Asr 7¾% 1988	81¼	82¼
Manchester 8¼% 1981	91¼	92¼
Mexico 8¼% 1991	87	89
Michelin 7½% 1988	85½	86½
Mitsubishi Rayon 9% 1989	97½	98½
Motorola 8% 1987	89½	90½
Nat & Grindlays 7¾% 1987	82	83
National Coal Board 8¾% 1988	89	90
Korea Korea 7½% 1990	85¼	86¼
N A Rockwell 7¾% 1979	92¼	93¼
N A Rockwell 8¼% 1987	88	89
Nottingham 8½% 1979	94	95
Pacific Lighting 8% 1988	85¼	86¼
Pennwalt 8% 1987	89	90
Quebec Hydro 8¼% 1989	93¼	94¼
Quebec (Province) 7½% 1988	86	87
Queensland 8¼% 1987	87¼	88¼
Ralston 7¾% 1987	98	99
RHM 8% 1988	81	82
SAS 8% 1987	85¼	86¼
Scanraff 7¾% 1990	85¼	86¼
Scanraff 8¾% 1988	93	94
Shell 7¾% 1987	85¼	86¼
Singapore 7¾% 1987	90	—
Slough 8% 1985	74	77
South Africa 8% 1987	87½	88½
SIB 7¾% 1987	87	88
Standard Oil 8¼% 1980	97½	98½
Standard Oil 8¾% 1988	93	94
Standard Oil 8¼% 1988	95¼	96¼
Sybron 8% 1987	88½	89½
Tenneco 7¾% 1979	92¼	93¼
Tenneco 7¾% 1987	83½	84½
Textron 7¾% 1987	84	85
Town & City 8% 1988	74	—
Transocean Gulf 7½% 1987	87½	88½
Union Oil 7% 1979	94	95
Union Oil 7¾% 1987	87½	88½
UDT 8¾% 1988	82½	83½
Utah 7¾% 1979	92½	93½
Utah 8% 1987	88½	89½
Venezuela 8½% 1987	98	[illegible]
Volvo 8% 1987	89½	[illegible]
Wellcome 8¼% 1987	89½	[illegible]
Wm Glyns 8½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid
AMF 5% 1987	76
Alaska Int 6% 1987	61
American Express 4¼% 1987	83½
American Motors 6% 1992	95
American Medical 5½% 1992	93
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1992	88
Beatrice Foods 6¾% 1991	99½
Beatrice Foods 4¾% 1991	97
Borden 5% 1992	86
Borden 6¾% 1991	98
Broadway Hale 4¾% 1987	73
Carnation 4% 1987	80
Chemical 6¼% 1986	98½
Damco 5½% 1987	92
Dart 4¾% 1987	91
F Asia Navigation 6¼% 1989	94
Fairchild Camera 4½% 1987	55
Fiat 4% 1987	75
Ford 5% 1988	79½
Ford 6% 1986	86
Fedders 5% 1992	45
Gillette 4¾% 1987	75
Gould 5% 1987	77
General Electric 4¼% 1987	81
Halliburton 4¼% 1987	117
Harris 5% 1992	77
Honeywell 6% 1986	85½
Hongkong Land Com 7¾% 1988	90
ITT 4¾% 1987	66
ITT Sheraton 6¾% 1989	76
J Ray McDermott 4¾% 1987	112
J P Morgan 4¼% 1987	130
Mohasco 5% 1987	63
Nabisco 5½% 1988	84½
Owens Illinois 4½% 1987	91½
J. C. Penney 4¾% 1987	92½
Revlon 4¾% 1987	93½
Ramada 6¾% 1986	67
Rank Org 4½% 1993	60
Sime Darby 5½% 1988	81
Sperry Rand 4¾% 1988	92½
Slater Walker 4¾% 1987	61
Southland 5% 1987	61
Squibb 4¾% 1987	91
United O'seas Bank 6¾% 1988	63½
Warner Lambert 4¾% 1988	84
Warner Lambert 4¾% 1987	92½
Xerox Corp 5% 1988	93½

NON-$ BONDS	Bid
BASF (FF) 7½% 1987	71
Bass (FF) 7½% 1987	71
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½% 1987	69½
Beecham (DM) 8½% 1988	84
BLMC (FF) 7½% 1987	67
Charter (FF) 7½% 1987	67
Charter (DM) 6¾% 1985/83	77¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾% 1969/84	79½
Denmark (DM) 9¼% 1989	99
Denmark (FF) 7½% 1988	71
EIB (FF) 7¾% 1985	70
Escom (DM) 7½% 1973/88	72½
Esso (DM) 7½% 1988	86½
Goodyear (DM) 6½% 1972/87	81½
ICI (DM) 8% 1971/86	77¼
Lafarge (FF) 7½% 1987	69
Nat West (DM) 8% 1988	86½
Occidental (DM) 6½% 1969/76	91
South Africa (DM) 8½% 1973/85	[illegible]
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½% 1988	83¼
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8% 1985	79½
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½% 1988	97½

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, [illegible] DM = Deutschmark issue. FF = French issue.

Mining

Bill 31 overhangs Yukon potential

Along with shareholders in all other mining companies with interests in British Columbia, members of Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation must hope that the present representations being made by the industry will persuade the provincial government to moderate the penal terms of Bill 31—otherwise mineral development will virtually cease.

Yukon is particularly affected through its 20.1 per cent stake in the giant Lornex copper operation which contributed $C6.01m of Yukon's $6.99m equity accounting income last year. If the legislation is enacted, earnings at Lornex will fall sharply, placing in jeopardy any prospect of its exploiting the adjacent copper ore body.

The other major investment is the 36.6 per cent stake in Crows Nest Industries whose earnings last year were worth around $1m on an annual basis to Yukon. Lumber prices dominate profits, but one can look ahead to 1977 to the first payments of the $34m of royalties accruing from the sale of coal deposits and the possible development of the 45 million tons of coal reserves—this, of course, depending on BC taxation.

Botswana RST

Shares in Botswana RST fell 30p to 190p yesterday after the announcement of production difficulties at the Selebi-Pikwe nickel-copper mine.

Although production started on time at the end of last year, technical problems at the surface plant has led to significant delays in shipping matter so that income has dropped appreciably below earlier forecasts.

In the 1972 annual report, Mr R. H. Page, chairman, said that the project was R14m above the estimate at the time of the rights issue. This cost escalation has now risen to R28m, with another R15m possibly being required with a large proportion being funded long-term as a rights issue to shareholders.

Bids & deals

US move for Regenerating

Normally a quiet market, shares of Rubber Regenerating jumped 6p yesterday (giving a rise of 10½p on the week) to 27p on the news that the United States tyre company Uniroyal may buy the 38 per cent of the equity which it does not already own.

At 27p the whole issued equity is worth £1.62m. The two boards are now talking things over.

Rubber Regenerating, which supplies raw materials to the rubber industry and produces reclaimed rubber, has seen its profits slip from a peak of £290,000 in 1969, to £156,000 last year.

RANKS HOVIS

Approval for widening of overall limit of borrowing powers by loan stockholders. Also coupon on each of stocks increased by ½ per cent.

HERMAN SMITH

In 28 weeks to January 12 pretax profit £102,000 (£133,000) excludes bad debt recovered in respect of Rolls-Royce of £56,595, before tax.

HARTLEY BAIRD

Group incurred trading loss of £50,000 (£77,000 profit) and net loss of £66,000 (profit of £46,000). Raw material shortages in plastics division prime cause of loss and no change in profitability expected for full year.

MILFORD DOCKS

For 1973 taxable profits £53,000 (£42,000); accumulated profits £57,000 (losses, £20,000). Overdraft cut to £15,000 from £120,000.

'PRU' STAKES IN LAIRD, KEYSER

Prudential Assurance reveals that it holds 10.25 per cent of Laird Group's equity and that it has stepped up its stake in Keyser Ullmann from around 12.68 to 13.05 per cent.

THOMAS TILLING

Confidence in long-term prospects undiminished. Board is determined to widen geographical spread of interests.

BROKERS MERGER

Hedderwick Borthwick and Grumbar and Sée, subject to Stock Exchange Council approval, are merging businesses from June 24 and will trade as Hedderwick Borthwick Grumbar & Co.

Foreign Exchange

Dollar recoups early losses

Broad currency movements in Europe continued to signal market fears that some form of regrouping of leading exchange rates may shortly occur.

The dollar initially weakened against the mark, Swiss franc and Guilder. Pressure was still being exerted within the European joint float, where the Swedish crown, as the weakest member, had to receive some support from the German Federal Bank.

However, the dollar later rallied, ending virtually unchanged on the day.

Bundesbank support, totalling $4,550,000, for the United States currency at the Frankfurt fixing, and possible Federal reserve intervention for its currency in New York overnight, could have helped steady markets.

Higher Eurodollar time deposit interest rates, which reached 12 per cent (as First National City Bank initiated a general rise to the 11¾ per cent for the United States prime rates) also helped the dollar. Earlier, the gathering pressure in United States political circles for the resignation of President Nixon had been an unsettling influence, dealers added.

Sterling dipped 15 points net, to close at $2.4300. The "effective rate" moved from 17.40 to 17.43 per cent.

Gold rose $1.25 an ounce, to $167.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) May 10	Market rates (close) May 10
New York	$2.4260-4360	$2.4295-4305
Montreal	$2.3340-3440	$2.3350-3360
Amsterdam	6.21-23fl	6.21½-22½fl
Brussels	90.60-91.20f	90.70-35f
Copenhagen	14.10-13k	14.10-13k
Frankfurt	5.87-89m	5.87½-88½m
Lisbon	58.00-75e	58.25-75e
Madrid	139.00-75p	139.25-75p
Milan	1514-18lr	1516-19lr
Oslo	12.58-65k	12.60-65k
Paris	11.72-76f	11.75-76f
Stockholm	10.23-28k	10.25½-27½k
Tokyo	670-80y	673-75y
Vienna	43.30-60sch	43.35-55sch
Zurich	6.85-7.01f	6.98½-99½f

Forward Levels

	1 Month	3 Months
New York	.45-.35c prem	2.30-2.20c prem
Montreal	.35-.15c prem	2.00-1.80c prem
Amsterdam	2-1c prem	7¼-6¼c prem
Brussels	25-50c disc	35-60c disc
Copenhagen	4-7½ disc	17-20½ disc
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10-8pf prem
Lisbon	75-125c disc	10-130c disc
Milan	5-14lr disc	24-30lr disc
Oslo	1½-1⅝ ore disc	2½-2⅝ ore disc
Paris	½-2½c disc	2c prem-1c disc
Stockholm	7¼-10¼ ore disc	16¼-19¼ ore disc
Vienna	40gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	10-9c prem

Canadian dollar cross-rates (against United States dollar, 0102-05.

Eurodollar deposit calls 10½-11½; seven days, 11-11½; one month, 11¾-12¼; three months, 11¾-12; six months, 11¾-12. Gold fixed: am, $168.00 pm, $167.75.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12½%
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●13 %
C. Hoare & Co..	✱12½%
Lloyds Bank ..	12½%
Midland Bank ..	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Shenley Trust ..	13 %
20th Cent Bank	12½%
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams&Glyn's	12½%

- * Members of Accepting Houses Committee.
- ● Demands deposits 12% £10,000 and over
- ✱ 7 day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 11% over £25,000 11¼%.

Amendment to AKZO Advertisement which appeared on 10th May, 1974 (page 31). Paragraph re: U.K. Residents, should read: Dividends payable in cash for U.K. Residents will be paid less 15% withholding tax and U.K. Income Tax will be deducted at 18% of the gross dividend.

Discount houses busy

London money markets had a fairly busy session yesterday, enlivened by the early announcement of a base rate cut from 12½ to 12 per cent by Lloyds Bank. However, the initial enthusiasm was later dampened when the outlook for cheaper money in Britain became more hazy as American prime rates pushed on to yet a new peak of 11¾ per cent.

For the discount market, it was another day when the evidence indicated a credit shortage, but when in the event, it failed to materialize. The picture was patchy at times, but discount house bids were pulled steadily back from the early 11½ per cent to close at 9 per cent.

In the market's favour were an excess of Exchequer disbursements over revenue receipts and a further trickle of money into the building society coffers from first £100m loan put up by the Government.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12%
(Last changed 11/4/74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 11½ Close 9
Week Fixed: 11½-11¾

Treasury Bills (Dis %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅝	2 months	11¼
3 months	11⅝	3 months	11¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) Trades (Dis %)

2 months	12½-12¼	3 months	13¼-13¾
3 months	12½-12¼	4 months	13¼-13½
4 months	12½-12¾	6 months	13¼-13¾
6 months	12½-12¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12⅞-12⅝	7 months	14½-14¼
2 months	13¼-13	8 months	14⅝-14⅜
3 months	13⅝-13⅜	9 months	14⅝-14⅜
4 months	13¾-13½	10 months	14-13¾
5 months	13⅞-13⅝	11 months	14⅛-13⅞
6 months	13⅞-13⅝	12 months	14⅛-13⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	12⅝-12⅜	6 months	13⅞-13⅝
3 months	13⅝-13⅜	12 months	13⅞-13⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	12	3 months	13¾
7 days	12½	6 months	13¾-14
1 month	12¾	1 year	13¾

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 12		Close 9	
1 week	11½	6 months	13¾
1 month	12½	9 months	14
3 months	13-13¼	12 months	14¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months	13¾-14	6 months	14¼

Finance House Base Rate 15%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£221m	Allotted	£80m
Bids at	£97.135%	received	18%
Last week	£97.135%	received	4%
Average rate	£11.4594%	Last week	£11.4664%
Next week	£80m	replace	£80m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Ac Nort 14¼% 1984 (£99½a)	£10⅛-⅛
Black Arrow Gp 50p Ord (50p)	30-2
Brooke Tool 12% Cnv	£70

RIGHTS ISSUES	Last date of renun	
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.50s)	June 7	103 prem-7
Peko Wallsend (A$0.50s)	—	240 prem-10

Issue price in parentheses. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid.

Wall Street

New York shares fall sharply

New York, May 10.—Another increase in the bank prime rate pushed shares lower throughout the list on the New York stock exchange.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 15.33 points to 850.44. About 990 issues declined, while only 430 stocks rose.

Trading was moderate—volume totalled 15,270,000 shares, compared with 14,710,000 shares on Thursday. An increase of a quarter of a point in the bank prime rate to a new record of 11¾ per cent by First National City Bank of New York spread quickly among the major banks. Analysts said the continuing upward pressure of short-term rates could lead to further gains, possibly early next week.

In bank issues, Citicorp fell $4½ to $63½, Chase Manhattan, $42¾, down $2¾, Bankers' Trust $45¾, off $4¾, J. P. Morgan, $59⅜, down $4⅜ and Manufacturers Hanover $31⅞, off $4⅛.

On the over-the-counter market, Franklin National fell $⅞ to $8⅞-bid after trading as high today as $11¼-bid. The bank said its management would recommend that the directors not declare the regular common and preferred dividends.

One banking analyst said it was the first time in recent history that a major banking concern decided to omit dividends.

Last month, the bank reported an 83 per cent drop in first-quarter earnings, due largely to heavy losses in its trading account as a dealer in municipal and federal securities.—AP-Dow Jones.

	May 10	May 9
Allied Chem.	45⅞	46⅞
Allied Stores	24¼	24½
Allied Supermkt.	3½	3⅞
Allis Chalmers	9	9¼
Alcoa	60	49¾
Amerada Hess	22⅞	25⅞
Am. Airlines	10	10½
Am. Brands	35½	35¾
Am. Broadcast	25	25⅞
Am. Can.	27¾	28⅞
Am. Cyan.	23¼	23¾
Am. El. Power	21¼	22¼
Am. Home	40¾	40½
Am. Met. Climax	45¾	45¾
Am. Motors	7	7⅛
Am. Nat. Gas	34	34½
Am. Smelt.	22½	23¾
Am. Standard	13⅝	13⅞
Am. Tel.	47⅞	48¼
Amf. Inc.	17¼	17⅞
Anaconda	27½	27½
Armco Steel	21	21¾
Ashland Oil	21⅝	21¾
Atl. Richfield	94½	95½
Avco	5⅞	6
Avon Prod.	43⅞	45¼b
Babcock & Wcox	23¾	24½
Bankers Tst NY	45¾	50¼
Bank of Am.	36⅞h	37⅛
Bank of N.Y.	23¾	30¾
Beat Fds.	19¾	20
Bect. Dick.	37⅛	37⅞
Bell & Howell	20¼e	20⅞
Bendix	27½	27⅞
Beth. Steel	32¾	32½
Boeing	15⅞e	16¾
Boise Cascade	17¼	17⅞
Borden	24½	24⅞
Borg Warner	19	19
Bristol Myers	50	49¾
BP	12	12
Budd	10⅞	10¾
Burl. Ind.	25	25¾
Burlington Nthn	38	39⅝
Burroughs	104⅝	107½
Campbell Soup	35½	36¼
Canadian Pac.	14½	14½
Caterpillar	63	62⅞
Celanese	33¾	34½
Central Soya	16	17
Charter N.Y.	24⅝	25¼
Chase Manhat.	42¼	44⅝
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	32¾	39
CheapeakeOhio	45	45¾
Chrysler	16⅝	17
Citicorp	35⅝	38½
Cities Serv.	43	44½
Clark Equip	36½	36¾
Coca Cola	108½	108½
Colgate	25⅞	26⅛
C.B.S.	37½	39⅞
Columbia Gas	23	23¼
Comb Eng	50⅞	54½
Comw. Edison	25¼	26
Con. Edison	7¾	9¾
Cons Foods	20	20
Cons Power	17⅞	18
Cont. Can.	24¼	24¾
Cont. Oil	39½	40
Control Data	30	31
Corning Glass	80	83½
C.P.C. Intnl.	33½	33⅞
Crane	23½	23⅞
Crocker Int	18¾	20⅞
Crown Zeller	36	37
Dart Ind.	17⅞	17¾
Deere	38½	39
Del Monte	20	20⅞
Delta Air	51¾	54⅞
Detroit Edison	13¾	13¾
Distil. Seagram	40½	40
Disney	45⅞	46⅞
Dow Chem.	64	66¼
Dresser Ind.	44	44½
Duke Power	15½	16⅛
Du Pont	173	178½
Eastern Air	6½	6⅞
East. Kodak	106⅞	108½
Eaton Corp.	29¾	29½
El Paso G.	12⅝	12⅞
Equitable Life	14⅞	14¾
Esmark	29	30⅞
Evans P. D.	8⅞	9¼
Exxon Corp	71½	73
Fed. D. Strs.	32	31⅞e
Firestone	17⅞	18
Fst. Chicago	63½	68
Fst. Nt. Boston	34¾	35¼
Fst. Penn Corp	28	30⅞
Ford	51⅞	52⅞
G.A.F. Corp.	8⅞	9
Gamble Skogmo	29½	29⅞
Gen. Dynam.	25¾	26¾

	May 10	May 9
Gen. Electric	47⅞	50⅞
Gen. Foods	24¼	24⅞
Gen. Instr.	12⅞	12⅞
Gen. Mills	53⅞	53½
Gen. Motors	47⅞	49¾
GenPubUtilN.Y.	14⅝	15
Gen. Tel. El.	23¼	23⅞
Gen. Tire	14⅞	15⅞
Genesco	5⅞	5⅞
Georgia Pac	42¼	42¾
Getty Oil	128	125⅞
Gillette	33¾	34
Goodrich	23⅜	23⅞
Goodyear	17	17⅛e
Gould Inc.	20	20⅞
Grace	29½	29⅞
Grant W.T.	7⅞	7⅞
Gt. At. & Pac.	13½	13⅞
Greyhound	14½	15¼
Grumman Cp.	12¾	12⅞
Gulf Oil	22	22¼
Gulf Wn. Ind.	25½	25⅞
Heinz, H. J.	48⅞	48½
Hercules	41¾	41⅞
Honeywell	78⅞	79¾
IllinoisCentInd	17	17⅞
Ingersoll	79⅞	79⅞
Inland Steel	33⅞	33
I.B.M.	224	230⅞
Int. Harv.	26½	27⅞
Int. Nickel	29⅞	31
Int. Paper	48	49
Int. Tel. Tel.	21	20⅞
Jewel Co	42½	42½
Jim Walter	22⅞	22⅞
Johns Manv.	19½	16
Johnson & Johnsn	113⅞	113½
Kaiser Alum.	23¾	23⅞
Kennecott	37⅞	38½
Kerr McGee	70½	71⅞
Kimb. Clk.	30⅞	30⅞
Kraftco Cp.	46⅞	47⅞
Kresge S.S.	34¼	35⅞
Kroger	22¼	22⅞
Ligg. Myer	30	30¼
L.T.V.	9½	9⅞
Litton	5⅞	8½
Lockheed	4⅞	5
Lucky Stores	11⅞	11⅞
Magnavox	5⅞	5⅞
Manuf Hanover	31¼	35½
Mapco	27⅞	23⅞
Marathon Oil	37⅞	38⅞
Marcor Inc.	23⅞	23⅞
Marine Mid.	22⅞	22
Martin Mar.	15⅞	16⅞
McDonnell	16	16⅞
Mead	17½	18
Merck	81	81¼
Minn. Mm.	72	73½
Mobil Oil	43⅞	45
Monsanto	67⅛	67⅞
Moore McC.	17	16¾
Morgan J. P.	59⅞	63¾
Motorola	56	56
NL Ind	12½	13½
Nat. Bisc.	36⅞	36⅞
Nat Cash Reg.	35⅞	36⅞
Nat. Distill.	15⅞	15⅞
Nat. Steel	34⅞	34⅞
Norfolk West	61⅞	62½
N.W. Bancor	46	47
Norton Simon	16¾	17½
Occ. Pet.	9⅞	10⅞
Ogden	16⅞	17⅞
Olin Corp.	16¼	16
Otis Elev.	37⅞	38⅞
Owens Ill.	39½	39⅞
Pac. Gas. El.	22⅞	22⅞
Pan. Am.	3⅞	3⅞
Penn. Cent.	2	2
Penney J C	73⅞	73⅞
Pennzoil	24⅞	24⅞
Pepsico	56⅞	57⅞
Pet Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Pfizer	33¾	34⅞
Phelps Dod.	40⅞	40⅞
Philip Mor.	106½	110¼
Phill. Pet.	54½	55⅞
Polaroid	59	62⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	23⅞	23⅞
Proc. Gamble	99	99
Pub.Ser.El&Gas	17⅞	17⅞
Pullman	51½	53⅞
Rapid American	13	12⅞
Raytheon	35	35⅞
RCA Corp	16¼	17
Repub. Steel	23	23⅞
Reynolds Ind.	43	43⅞
Reynolds Metal	24	24⅞
Roan Sel. Tr.	4⅞	4⅞
Rockwell Int	26¾	26⅞
Royal Dutch	31⅞	32¾

	May 10	May 9
Safeways	42⅞	42¼
St. Regis	28	29⅞
Santa Fe Ind	31¾	31½
SCM	11⅛	11⅞
Schering Plough	71⅞	71⅞
Schlumbgr.	107	108¾
Scott. Paper	16¼	16
Seaboard Coast	29¼	29⅞
Sears Roe.	84¼	85
Shell Oil	50⅞	52
Shell Trans.	23¾	22
Signal Co	18⅞	19¾
Singer	32⅞	32½
Sony	26⅞	27¼
Sth Cal Edison	19⅞	19⅞
Southern Pac.	31	31⅞
Southern Rly.	39¾	40½e
Sperry Rand	38½	39⅞
Squibb	83⅞	83
Std. Brands	59⅞	64⅞e
Std. Oil Cal.	29	28⅞
Std. Oil Ind.	83⅞	85⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	59⅞	58½
Sterling Drug	24⅞	25 e
Stevens J.P.	23⅞	28
Stude Worth	29⅞	30⅞
Sunbeam Cp.	17¾	17⅞
Sundstrand	22	21½
Sun Oil	40½	40¼
Teledyne	11⅞	12
Tenneco	23	23⅞
Texaco	26½	27½
TexasEastTrans	34	34⅞
Texas Inst.	108⅞	113¼
Texas Utilities	18⅞	18¾
Textron	21½	22¾
T.W.A.	8⅞	10⅛
Travelers Cp.	22½	23⅞
T.R.W. Inc.	16⅞	17
U.A.L. Inc.	26⅞	28⅞e
Unilever Ltd.	28½	28½
Unilever N.Y.	43⅞	43⅞
Unionamerica	7⅞	8
Union Bancorp	10⅞	10⅞
Union Carb.	43	43⅞
Un. Oil Cal.	40	42⅞
Un. PacificCorp.	81½	81¼
Uniroyal	8½	8⅞
United Aircraft	29¾	29½
United Brands	7	7
UtdMerch&Man	20⅞	20⅞
U.S. Industries	7⅞	7⅞
U.S. Steel	45¾	46½
Wachovia	24¼	24½
Warner Comm	13	13⅞
Warner Lambert	33⅞	33⅞
Wells Fargo	20	21⅞
West'n Bancorp	20	21
Westghe El.	16	16½
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	43⅞
Whirlpool	26	26⅞
White Motor	12⅞	13
Woolworth	17⅞	17⅞
Xerox Cp.	115	118
Zenith	24½	25

Canadian Prices

	May 10	May 9
Abitibi	11⅞	11⅞
Alcan	32¾	33⅞
Alg. Steel	25½	25⅞
Asbestos	17¼b	17⅞
Bell Tel.	41¾	41
Can. Sup. Oil	44	44¾
Can. Inv. Fd.	3.01	3.02
Cominco	27½	27⅞
Cons. Bat.	25½	24½
Distiller	39⅞	38⅞
Fairview Corp	19⅞h	19⅞
Falconbridge	51	50¾
Gulf Oil	28½	29
Hawker Can.	5.62	5.62
Hud. Bay Min	20¼	20¼
Hud. Bay Oil	33	34½
I.A.C. Ltd.	15⅞	15⅞
Imasco	27½	28
Imp. Oil	33⅞	33
Int. Pipe	16⅞	17¼
Mass.-Fergsn.	17½	17⅞
Power Cp.	11⅞	11
Price Bros.	13⅞	13
Royal Trust	23	22½
Steel Co.	30⅞	30½
Tex. Can.	39	40
Trans. Mnt. Oil	14	14
Walker H.	46⅞	46½
W.C.T.	20⅞	19⅞

e Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.4300 ($2.4321); three months, $2.4070 ($2.4085); Canadian dollar, [illegible] (103.56c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index rose by 1.11 to 34.59. The futures index was 1.38 higher at 304.20.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 850.44 (865.77); transportation, 172.12 (174.33); utilities, 78.03 (78.69); 65 stocks, 257.87 (262.34).

New York Stock Exchange index, 48.29 (49.09); industrials, 53.64 (54.49); transportation, 34.36 (35.19); utilities, 30.90 (31.34); financial, 52.41 (54.37).

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 10.05.74 (base date June 2, 1964, original base date June 2, 1950):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	121.86	7.88	18.87	119.88
Largest coys.	119.63	7.08	13.81	118.51
Smaller coys.	125.67	7.07	14.05	124.21
Capital goods	124.02	7.23	14.69	122.84
Consumer goods	140.98	6.61	12.73	139.33
Store shares	100.43	7.43	10.25	100.39
Largest financial shares	159.53	5.38	—	158.00
Largest financial and industrial shares	127.19	6.76	—	126.22
Commodity shares	258.99	3.98	3.42	260.18
Gold mining shares	513.70	4.81	6.19	501.19
Industrial debenture stocks	73.09	8.42*	—	72.98
Industrial preference stocks	55.04	13.07*	—	55.56
3½% War Loan	26⅝	†14.04*	—	26⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	63.84 (16.07.58)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	107.81 (01.04.74)
1973	189.39 (12.01.73)	126.89 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (18.01.72)
1971	158.47 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.73 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.95 (31.01.69)	123.96 (28.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.
● Ex-dividend.

NY cocoa at limit-down

New York, May 10.—COCOA futures closed weak-to-easy at the limit-down of 4.00 cents in the July and September and about 1.80 to 3.30 cents lower in the deferred months on liquidations prompted apparently by technical factors.

An allocation pool of about 93 "sell" orders was outstanding in the nearby July at the close. The September actually traded at the limit level on the final bell. May, 98.00c. July, 93.65c. September, 85.50c. October, 82.75c nominal. December, 72.75c. March, 66.40c. May, 62.75c. July, 60.00c. September, 58.40c. Spot: Ghana, 120c, nominal. Bahia, 111c, nominal.

COTTON futures in No. 2 contract closed 1.20 to 1.50 cents higher on trade price-fixing and speculative demand fuelled by the strong action of some of the other commodity markets. July, 60.40—45c. October, 54.65—75c. December, 51.50—40c. March, 54.10c. May, 54.70—5.00c. July, 55.10—35c. October, 54.50c nominal; December, 54.55c bid.

SILVER futures closed off the day's best, but were still about five to 12 cents higher. Nearby July, the most active position, closed up the most, ending at 582.5 cents. Volume reached 4,346 lots, with switching substantial. May, 573.70c; June, 576.30c; July, 582.50c; Sept, 588.30c; Dec, 596.00c; Jan, 596.50c; March, 600.50c; May, 603.80c; July, 607.00c; Sept, 610.10c. Handy and Harman, 566c (565c). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.449 (Can$5.453).

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract closed steady at about 0.40 to 0.87 cents higher on what appeared as evening-up of positions ahead of the weekend tender by Iran for two cargoes of raws and two cargoes of white sugar. Spot was unchanged at 25.25c. July, 25.00-4.85c; Sept, 23.10-2.95c; Oct, 21.95-90c; Jan, 19.90c nominal; March, 19.20-15c; May, 17.70c bid; July, 16.20c bid; Sept, 14.60c bid; Oct, 14.01c.

COFFEE.—In "C" contract, futures remained mixed throughout, although there appeared to be a general movement to higher ground during the afternoon. At the close, prices were 0.40 cents up to 0.15 cents lower with 839 lots sold. May, 71.10-50c; June, 73.00c nominal; July, 74.70-55c; Sept, 77.60c; Nov, 79.10-30c; Dec, 79.50-80.00c; March, 81.10-75c.

COPPER closed 150 to 180 points lower on sales of 1,427 lots. Tone: steady. May, 133.60c; July, 129.80c; Sept, 125.50c; Oct, 123.30c; Dec, 121.30c; Jan, 120.40c; March, 119.30c; May, 118.30c.

WOOL and crossbred futures were tradeless throughout the day. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 162.5c nominal; May, 159.0-78.0c; July, 160.5c bid; Oct, 161.0-71.0c; Dec, 162.0c bid; March, 159.0c bid; May, 155.0c bid; July, 154.5c bid; Oct, 153.0c bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 105.0c nominal; May, 102.0c; July, 99.0c; Oct, 99.0c; Dec, 98.0c; March, 93.0c; May, 87.5c; July, 86.5c; Oct, 85.0c. All bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS finished 12¾ to 15¼ cents higher, led by the spot month which closed at $5.52½ a bushel. Soyabean oil added 1.00 to 0.50 cents a lb with the spot month up 1.40 cents at 28.70 cents. Soyabean meal moved up $4.00 to $3.50 and May was $114.00 a ton at the close. SOYABEANS.—May, 552½-52c; July, 554½-56c; Aug, 554½-55c; Sept, 547-48c; Nov, 543-541c; Jan, 546-46½c; March, 551c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 28.65-70c; July, 26.55-55c bid; Aug, 25.25c bid; Sept, 24.20-25c; Oct, 23.10c; Dec, 22.25-30c; Jan, 21.90c; March, 21.85c. —SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $114.00; July, $121.50-1.00; Aug, $124.50; Sept, $127.00; Oct, $129.00-130.00; Dec, $130.50-1.00; Jan, $132.00-1.00; March, $135.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed firm, 1c to 9c higher.—May, 542c; July, 342½c; Sept, 348½-349c; Dec, 350¼-360c; March, 365-366c. MAIZE closed strong, 5c to 7c higher.—May, 262-261¼c; July, 261¼c; Sept, 257¼c; Dec, 237½-238c; March, 242c. OATS closed strong, 4¼c to 6c higher.—May, 134c; July, 126¾c; Sept, 127¾c; Dec, 131½c; March, 133c bid.

Commodities

Further drop in Reuters index

Reuters commodity index fell another 8.1 yesterday making a drop of 26.2 on the week to 1,374.1 (1931 equals 100). This follows a decline in prices of most commodities used to compile the index. Now standing at only 33.4 above the year's low reached on April 9, the index is 105.6 below the year's high reached on February 2.

The biggest losses were in non-ferrous metals, with zinc losing £88 on the week to £780 a tonne (the settlement price) while spot cocoa eased by £107 to £1,170 a tonne. Of the 17 primary commodities used in the index only sugar and wheat showed gains on the week.

Cocoa futures plunge

Waves of stale bull liquidation hit London COCOA futures yesterday and prices fell sharply. At a weak close losses ranged between £16.25 for distant May to £47.50 a metric ton for nearby July. The latter position has plunged £126 a tonne since it reached its traded high of £1,050 only last Monday.

However, some dealers feel that there could be a rally in the next two or three trading days which may take September back to near the £900 mark (yesterday it closed at £827.75 middle).

May, £1,037.0-50.0 a metric ton; July, £923.0-5.0; Sept, £827.0-8.5; Dec, £708.0-9.0; March, £649.0-50.0; May, £626.0-7.0. Sales, 5,858 lots. ICCO prices, daily, 90.53 cents per lb. 15-day average, 87.41c; 22-day, 85.83c.

COPPER prices closed steady with cash wire bars £3 dearer. Three months, however, declined £9. The market was restrained by expectations of a moderate increase in warehouse stocks this week, mainly in cathodes, and quiet outside demand. News that Japan will permit additional exports of about 30,000 tonnes of electrolytic by June was also a bearish factor.

The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry estimated current inventories at over 100,000 tonnes, including 76,000 tonnes held by copper smelters. Tokyo trade sources said the smelters plagued by heavy surplus stocks, are asking the ministry to authorize export sales on a consignment basis by Japanese firms which are members of the London Metal Exchange. The ministry declined to comment, but the sources said the ministry is expected to endorse the industry's request, which would widen Japan's export outlets for copper and ease the world market supply position.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £1,269-70 a metric ton; three months, £1,223-24. Sales, 2,975 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,218-20; three months, £1,200-05. Sales, 25 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £1,273-74; three months, £1,233-34. Settlement, £1,274. Sales, 3,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,229-30; three months, £1,212-14. Settlement, £1,230. Sales, 1,325 tons.

SILVER closed steadier with LME prices 3p to 4p higher on the day. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 234.8p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 545.0); three months, 233.4p (542.0c); six months, 241.50 (57.3c); one-year, 251.2p (585.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 229.0-30.0p; three months, 238.0-38.5p; seven months, 249.0-50.0p. Sales, 77 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 225.0-25.5p; three months, 234.0-35.0p; seven months, 244.0-45.5p. Settlement, 225.5p. Sales, 63 lots.

TIN prices fell sharply with cash metal dropping £55 and three months £50. The fall in the Eastern price and expectations of a sizable increase in LME warehouse stocks this week were the main depressants. However, a fair amount of support was forthcoming at the lower levels, reflecting covering against United States physical business overnight and a significantly improved level of Continental physical interest. Afternoon.—Cash, £3,915-20 a metric ton; three months, £3,940-45. Sales, 835 tons. Morning.—Cash, £3,920-30; three months, £3,945-50. Settlement, £3,930. Sales, 400 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,344 a picul.

LEAD declined £16 all round. End week liquidation coupled with hedge selling triggered some stop loss orders in a market lacking incentive. A moderate increase in stocks is expected. Afternoon.—Cash, £294.00-95.00 a metric ton; three months, £301.00-01.50. Sales, 2,725 tons. Morning.—Cash, £290.00-90.50; three months, £305.00-05.50. Settlement, £294.50. Sales 6,300 tons.

ZINC fell heavily with cash metal down £34.50 and three months £30.50. This reflected dealers' expectations of a very sizable rise in LME stocks this week. With the backwardation narrowing the market lost confidence and liquidation and stop loss selling were evident. Prospects of further arrivals from the United States in coming weeks were also foreseen in some quarters and this further discouraged buyers.

Afternoon.—Cash, £776.00-78.00 a metric ton; three months, £743.00-45.00. Sales, 1,575 tons. Morning.—Cash, £775.00-80.00; three months, £751.00-52.00. Settlement, £780.00. Sales, 2,125 tons. Producers' price, £530 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM edged £0.25 higher at £87.25-£90.25 ($212.00-$219.00) a troy ounce.

RUBBER dull. CIF's Malayan No. 1 RSS.—June, 38.25-75p per kilo; July, 37.75-38.50p. Spot, 34.50-36.50p. Settlements.—June, 35.00-36.00p; July, 36.00-37.00p; Aug, 37.00-38.00p; July/Sept, 37.00-38.00p; Oct/Dec, 39.50-75p; Jan/March, 39.50-40.00p; April/June, 39.50-40.25p; July/Sept, 39.75-40.25p; Oct/Dec, 39.75-40.25p; Jan/March, 39.75-40.70p; April/June, 39.75-40.50p.

WOOL steady. May, buyer unquoted, 220.0p seller per kilo; July, 206.0-11.0p; Oct, 205.0-10.0p; Dec, 200.0-10.0p; March, 195.0-210.0p; May, July and Oct all 195.0-205.0p. Sales, lots.

All lines were cheaper at the sale of overseas wools in Bradford on Thursday, the official report said. Greasy fleece and shears were fully 10 per cent cheaper and first lambs eased by fully 5 per cent compared with the previous sale in April. Scoured fleece values declined by 7½ per cent but shears and skirtings were 10 per cent cheaper. Good style lambs were fully 5 per cent lower and second lambs eased 10 per cent. Slipe values were generally up to 10 per cent cheaper except combing lambs which declined by about five per cent. Competition was widespread but some withdrawals, particularly of slipe wools, took place when bids failed to meet owners' reserves.

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, May/June, £164 nominal; white "D" grade, May/June, £154 nominal, a long ton. Calcutta market steady. Indian, May/June, Rs380 value; Dundee Daisee, May/June Rs[illegible] value, a bale of 400lb.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures staged a sharp upward reaction from earlier easier levels with fresh commission house and dealer buying touching off short covering and some stop loss orders. There did not appear to be any news behind the rise which coincided with a firmer trend in New York. At the close prices were £5.50 to £10 higher. Arabicas were steady on dealer buying and finished 90 to 15 points up.

Robusta futures fully steady. May, £603.0-6.0 a long ton (after £591.0); July, £611.5-12.0 (after £600.5); Sept, £627.0-7.5 (after £615.5); Nov, £640.5-1.5 (after £632.0); Jan, £655.0-56.0; March, £665.0-67.0; May, £675.0-78.0. Sales, 2,180 lots, including 29 options.

Arabica contract steady. June, $83.90-85.00 per 50 kilos; Aug, $86.90-87.00; Oct, $89.10-30; Dec, $91.00-20; Feb, $92.50-93.00; April, $94.00-10; June, $94.70-95.40. Sales, 31 lots.

SUGAR futures closed barely steady. The London daily price held at £255 a long ton. Aug, £243.00-4.00 (after £245.50 and £237.50); Oct, £223.00-3.25 (after £226.00 and £218.00); Dec, £210.50-10.75 (after £215.50 and £205.50); March, £199.00-9.50 (after £204.00 and £197.00); May, £185.10-5.65; Aug, £173.00-4.50; Oct, £163.00-5.00. Sales, 4,997 lots. ISA price 25.28 cents per lb: 17-day average, 25.46c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, June trans-shipment, £73.40 east coast seller; US hard winter No 2 ord, June/Sept trans-shipment £73.00 east coast seller; EEC milling, May, £62.50; June, £63.10; July, £63.70 east coast seller. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French option, May/July, £59.50 east coast seller; South African white dent May, £64.50 Glasgow; South African yellow (flint/French), May £57.00 Glasgow. BARLEY.—EEC feed, June, £54.75; July, £54.25 east coast seller. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY very steady. May, £56.45; Sept, £48.60; Nov, £50.30; Jan, £52.00; March, £54.00. WHEAT very steady. May, £58.75; Sept, £51.20; Nov, £53.20; Jan, £55.15; March, £57.25. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority's location average ex-farm spot prices. Soft milling WHEAT.—Chelmsford, £61.00. Feeding BARLEY.—Chelmsford, £56.45; Exeter, £55.95.

SOYABEAN OIL quiet. May, $720.00-60.00 a metric ton; July, $720.00-45.00; Sept, $630.00-40.00; Nov, $533.00-45.00; Jan, $490.00-510.00; March, $485.00-505.00; May, $480.00-500.00. Sales, nil.

COVENT GARDEN.—Home Grown.—Carrots, 28lb, £0.40-£0.80. Mushrooms, per lb, £0.35. Apples, per lb, Bramley's £0.05-£0.06. Swedes, 28lb, £0.70-£0.80. Onions, 56lb, £2.40. Parsnips, 28lb, £0.50-0.60. Cucumbers, 10's £0.90; 12's £1.00; 14's £1.10; 16's £1.20; 18's £1.20. Rhubarb, 14lb outdoor, £0.35. Lettuce, 12's round, £1.00; cos, £1.20. Cauliflowers, 12's, £1.20-£1.40. Tomatoes, 12lb, £2.00.

Imported produce.—Oranges, Spanish: Venus £1.60-£1.80; Jaffa: Shamoutis, £2.25-£2.65; Cyprus: Valencia Lates, £1.80-£2.00; Moroccan: Valencia Lates, £1.70-£1.80; Algerian: £2.20. Lemons, Californian: £3.20-£3.30; Italian: £2.80; Spanish: £2.50-£2.80. Ortaniques: Jamaican: a case, £2.00-£2.20. Grapefruit, Jaffa: 40's, £2.40; 48's £2.50; 56's £2.50; South African: 32/36/40's, £2.30; 48/56/64's, £2.40. Apples, Tasmanian: Jonathans £3.50; Cox's Orange Pippin, £4.70-£5.00; New Zealand: Cox's Orange Pippin 100's, £5.00; 175's, £5.20; Jonathans, £3.50; Golden Delicious, £3.30-£3.50; Western Australia: Granny Smith, £3.80; Chilean: box about 40lb Granny Smith, £3.80; South African: cartons, Golden Delicious, £3.50-£3.80; Dunn's Seedling, £2.90-£2.90; Sparkling Delicious, £2.40-£3.80; Belgian: Golden Delicious about 26lb, £1.20; French: 20lb £1.20-£1.30; Hungarian: Jonathans, £2.80; Italian: Morgenduft 19lb, £1.00. Pears, South African: cartons about 35lb Packham's Triumph, £3.80-£4.00; Winter Nelis, £3.20; Josephines, £3.70; Keiffer, £3.40; Beurre Hardy, £3.60; Beurre Bosc, £3.30-£3.50; cases, about 40lb Packham's Triumph, £4.10-£4.20; Winter Nelis, £3.00-£3.30; Italian: a tray, about 12lb Passacrassane, £0.60; Australian: Packham's Triumph about 45lb, £4.70. Pineapples, South African: 9/15's, £2.40-£2.50. Melons, Colombian: green £3.00-£3.30; white, £2.40; Israeli: Ogens, £2.50-£3.50. Grapes, South African, Barlinka, £2.20; Almeria, £2.00; Golden Hill, £2.70. Tomatoes, Canary: £1.50; Dutch: £2.00; Guernsey: £2.10; Rumanian: £1.60. Onions, Dutch: £2.70; Chilean: £2.50; Egyptian: £2.50; Canary: £2.70-£2.80; South African: 28lb, £1.30; Texas: 25 kilos, £2.70. Lettuce, Dutch: 20 £0.00-£1.00; Belgian: 18's £1.40. Courgettes, Cyprus: 6lb, £1.10. Potatoes, Canary: 55lb, £2.90; Egyptian: £2.50; Jersey: per lb, £0.10; Valencia: 55lb bag, £3.00; Maltese: £3.30. Capsicums, per lb, Senegal/Rumanian: £0.30; Dutch: £0.30. Asparagus, Californian: per lb, £0.55; Cyprus: £0.30. Strawberries, Spanish: a punnet about 8oz, £0.20; Italian: £0.13.

Less NZ wool auctioned

Eight per cent less wool auctioned in New Zealand bet[illegible] July 1, 1973 and March 31, [illegible] for a 6.5 per cent smaller re[illegible] the New Zealand Wool Mark[illegible] Corporation's news sheet repo[illegible]

In the period, 994,786 bal[illegible] greasy and 23,520 bales of sc[illegible] with a total weight of 155.97 [illegible] kilos were auctioned at a [illegible] return of NZ$228,290,000 ([illegible] £138m). In the same period of [illegible] season, 1,070,334 bales of g[illegible] and 28,049 bales of scoured w[illegible] ing 168,719,426 kilos were sol[illegible] $244,290,000 (£147m).

The falling trend in sales of [illegible] other than at auction, app[illegible] since September, 1973, accele[illegible] in March 1974, the news shee[illegible] In March private sales at 1,020 [illegible] compared with the 23,236 bale[illegible] in March last year. This [illegible] season to the end of March 2[illegible] bales were sold privately com[illegible] with 283,502 bales in the first [illegible] months of last season.

Private sales by auction [illegible] brokers were down 16 per [illegible] while those by other sellers dr[illegible] 25 per cent.—Reuter.

European suga[illegible] crop disappoin[illegible]

C. Czarnikow estimates [illegible] world sugar output in 1973-7[illegible] rise from 76,477,000 tonn[illegible] 1972-73 to 79,782,000 tonne[illegible] value. Its latest review puts [illegible] beet production at 32.3 [illegible] tonnes against 30,991,000 and [illegible] cane output at 47,466,000 [illegible] against 45,486,000.

European production [illegible] estimated at a record 26.7 [illegible] tonnes compared with 25.[illegible] tonnes in 1972-73.

However, this is "far be[illegible] earlier expectations and [illegible] particularly good "considera[illegible] area sown to the crop", the [illegible] says. It cites a prolonged dr[illegible] in late summer and early a[illegible] which shrivelled beet leave[illegible] inhibited root growth in [illegible] European areas.

Czarnikow says that [illegible] cane producers in the curre[illegible] will not be able to attain [illegible] earlier expectations, includi[illegible] Commonwealth sector whic[illegible] affected by bad weather.

But Brazil and Cuba s[illegible] further increases in [illegible] respectively at a record 7.[illegible] tonnes, up from 6,225,000 [illegible] 5,750,000 tonnes, up [illegible] 5,375,000. However, at one [illegible] both countries expected to [illegible] higher figures than the est[illegible] show.

US zinc stocks fall

United States zinc prod[illegible] stocks during April fell som[illegible] short tons since shi[illegible] exceeded smelter productio[illegible] purchases of metal, accord[illegible] General Services Adminis[illegible] figures released by the Zinc [illegible] tute Inc.

Zinc output from Eu[illegible] OECD countries reached [illegible] tonnes in March, compared [illegible] 115,862 in February and [illegible] in March, 1973, OECD prov[illegible] figures show. Stocks held b[illegible] ducers at end March were [illegible] tonnes against 54,348 at th[illegible] of February and 87,438 at th[illegible] of March, 1973.

Production of refined le[illegible] the countries in March is pro[illegible] ally estimated at 100,738 [illegible] compared with 87,119 in Fe[illegible] and 96,751 in March, 1973. [illegible] held by producers at the [illegible] March were 49,996 tonnes, [illegible] 51,973 at the end of Februa[illegible] 78,997 at the end of March, [illegible] —Reuter.

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1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
97¼	86¾	Conv	5¼% 1974	99⅜	+1/32	5.381	11.478
	95	Treas	5½% 1974	97⁹⁄₁₆	..	5.610	11.860
	84¼	Treas	6¾% 1974	97¼	..	6.941	11.878
	93¾	Treas	6% 1975	96⅛	+1/32	6.240	11.626
	89½	Treas	8% 1975	96⅞	+1/16	8.251	11.282
	85¾	Savings	3% 1965-75	93⅛	+⅛	3.207	8.592
	88	Exch	6½% 1976	92¼	+1/16	7.046	11.376
	96	Treas	6½% 1976	90⅛	+⅛	7.207	11.570
	95	Victory	4% 1976	96¼	..	4.157	7.044
	94½	Treas	10½% 1976	96⅞	+⅛	10.846	11.979
	80¾	Treas	6¼% 1977	87¾	+⅛	7.123	11.440
	81¼	Elec	3½% 1974-77	96¾	−⅛	3.457	8.339
	86¼	Treas	11¼% 1977	98⅞	..	11.694	12.114
	77¾	Trans	4% 1972-77	83¾	..	4.798	9.380
	86⅞	Treas	9% 1978	90¾	+¼	9.937	12.142
	75¾	Exch	5% 1976-78	81¾	+⅛	6.116	10.280
	65½	Treas	3% 1979	73½	+⅛	4.102	9.563
	69¼	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	77	+⅛	5.555	10.029
	67¼	Elec	3½% 1976-79	73¾	+⅛	4.746	9.771
	81¼	Treas Cnv	9% 1980	86⅝	+⅛	10.880	12.734
	69¾	Funding	5¼% 1978-80	74½	+⅛	6.967	10.904
	64¼	Treas	3½% 77-80 Cl	70⅝	+⅛	4.930	9.958
	61¾	Treas	3½% 79-81 Si	68⅛	+⅛	5.118	10.053
	77¾	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	83⅛	+⅛	10.590	12.830
	93½	Treas	12% 1983	93⅞	+¼	12.781	13.164
	61¼	Funding	5½% 1982-84	65¾	+⅛	8.694	11.666
	70¾	Treas	8½% 1984-86	76¼	+⅛	11.586	13.089
	56¼	Funding	6½% 1985-87	62⅞	+⅛	10.499	12.514
	63¼	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	68⅜	+⅛	11.689	13.074
	37¾	Trans	3% 1978-88	42½	+⅛	7.135	11.316
	46	Treas	5% 1986-89	50⅝	+⅛	9.949	12.368
	66⅛	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	66¼	+⅛	12.313	13.274
	47⅞	Funding	5¾% 1987-91	52½	+⅛	11.048	12.722
	47⅛	Funding	6% 1993	52¾	+⅛	11.727	12.926
	63⅞	Treas	9% 1994	67⅞	+⅛	13.236	13.638
	31⅛	Rdmptn	3% 1986-96	33	+⅛	9.188	11.348
	27⅞	Gas	3% 1990-95	33¼	+⅛	9.046	11.613
	64	Treas	9% 1992-96	68½	+⅛	13.434	13.811
	47⅞	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	52¾	+⅛	12.976	13.539
	62	Treas	8¾% 1997	66½	+⅛	13.525	13.857
	68⅛	Treas	9½% 1999	72½	+⅛	13.626	13.894
	28¼	Funding	3½% 1999-04	31¼	+⅛	11.525	12.413
	54⅛	Treas	8% 2002-06	58¼	+⅛	13.698	13.819
	39⅛	Treas	5½% 2008-12	42¾	+⅛	13.369	13.496
	53⅞	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	58¼	+⅛	13.346	13.596
	27⅛	Consols	4%	29¼	+⅛	14.219	..
	23⅛	War Ln	3½%	25⅛	+⅛	13.933	..
	23⅛	Conv	3½%	25⅛	+⅛	13.811	..
	19⅞	Treas	3%	20¾	+⅛	14.351	..
	16⅛	Consols	2½%	18	+⅛	14.098	..
	16⅛	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	17⅝	+⅛	14.217	..

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1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
262	115	AAH	137	..	11.0	8.0	7.9
140	82	AB Electronic	93	+2	5.8	6.3	7.4
51	37	AC Cars	43	..	1.6	3.7	10.8
115¼	67	AD Intl	69	+2	3.0	4.4	11.6
110½	39	AGB Research	41	..	3.0	7.3	8.3
315	135	APV Hldgs	180	..	11.2	6.2	8.0
114	36	AVP Ind	55	..	3.2	5.8	2.2
158	45	Aaronson Bros	60	..	1.9	3.2	8.4
78	35	Abbey Panels	38	..	4.0	10.5	2.5
205	70	Acrow	80	..	5.0	6.3	16.8
150	44	Do A	58	..	5.0	8.6	12.0
39	15	Adams Food	21	..	1.5	7.1	3.2
53	13	Adda Int	15	..	1.1	7.2	3.7
114	43	Advance Elect	51	−1	3.6	7.1	6.2
277	95	Adwest Group	109	..	5.5	5.1	6.3
78	38	Aeron't & Gen.	42	..	1.4	3.4	7.5
128	70	Airfix Ind	105	..	3.7	3.5	12.7
120	39	Do NV	51	..	3.7	7.3	6.2
40½	20	Albright & W	40½	+1	3.3	8.0	5.5
101¼	70	Alcan 10¼%	£73	+1	1050	14.4	..
97½	68½	Do 9% Cnv	£77½	..	900	11.6	..
90	31	Allen E.	46	+3	3.9	8.5	7.9
96¼	20	Allen W. G.	33	..	3.5	10.5	5.2
195½	104	Allied Colloids	122	..	2.1	1.7	17.0
126½	53	Allied Polymer	62½	..	5.6	9.0	3.6
72	28	Alpine Hldgs	31	..	3.6	12.1	6.9
207	149	Amal Metal	180	−1	16.0	8.9	4.0
107	44	Amal Power	47	..	4.0	8.5	3.9
127	56	Amari	103	+2	4.6	4.4	9.2
87	34	Anchor Chem	52	+3	4.7	9.0	7.2
196	144	Anderson Strath	174	..	11.9	6.8	11.3
48	14	Anglian Food	17	..	0.5	2.9	54.3
815	306	Anglo Amer Ind	360	..	30.1	8.4	10.9
84	38	Ang Swiss Hldgs	41	..	4.3	10.4	6.7
290	129½	Anglo-Thai Corp	204	−3	3.5	1.7	9.6
128	55	Anglovaal	63	..	2.1	3.3	9.3
93	38	Appleyard	46	−2	5.3	11.4	6.1
39½	17	Aquascutum 'A'	20½	+2	1.5	7.3	6.5
137	48	Arlington Mtr	73	..	8.5	11.6	8.8
169¼	71	ArmitageShanks	93	−1	9.2	9.9	9.5
87	30	Armst Equip	38	+½	2.2	5.7	6.4
63	44	Asprey 6½% Pf	46	..	6.5	13.6	..
130	37	Ass Biscuit	47	..	3.3	7.0	6.8
111	36	Do A	45	..	3.3	7.3	6.5
28	10	Ass Brit Eng	18½	+½	..	..	5.6
67	32½	Ass Brit Food	37	+½	3.1	8.5	7.1
87½	27½	Ass Engineer	30½	−½	4.0	13.3	5.9
101	51	Ass Fisheries	74	..	5.0	6.8	5.6
193	86	Ass Food	104	..	5.0	4.9	9.4
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255	96	Ass News	115	−2	5.8	5.0	2.5
45	27	Ass Paper	36½	+1	2.7	7.5	5.7
233	117	Ass Port Cement	137	−1	10.0	7.3	6.6
134	36	Ass Tel 'A'	50	+1	7.3	14.6	5.7
157	80	Atlas Stone	92	..	6.0	6.5	7.7
47	16	Attwood Garage	22	..	2.1	9.7	5.5
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89	19½	Ault & Wiborg	25	..	2.9	11.5	5.8
19½	12½	Aurora Gear	13	..	0.9	6.8	11.5
73	50	Austin E.	55	..	3.8	6.8	24.1
101¼	28½	Automotive Pd	29	..	2.1	8.3	4.1
140	56½	Averys	73	+1½	6.0	8.2	7.7
215	60	Avon Rubber	88	−3	12.2	13.1	5.4
80	32	BBA Grp	34	−1	3.3	9.6	5.8
183	70	BPB Ind	90	..	7.4	8.2	6.1
202½	77	BSR Ltd	99	+1	2.6	2.6	8.8
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127	34	Baral Const	47	−1	7.0	14.9	4.3
83	27	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	2.4	7.4	5.8
193	74	Baird W.	89	..	11.7	13.1	5.3
105	40	Baker Perkins	50	−1	4.7	9.4	6.8
86	37	Bambergers	49	+1	3.2	6.4	4.8
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PERTWEE.—On May 7th, to Sue (nee Park) and Roger Pertwee—a son (Richard), brother for Charles and Christopher.

PHILLIPS.—On 29th April, to Alison and Timothy in Kuwait—a daughter (Rachel Ann).

ROSSER.—On May 10th, at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, to Hilary (nee Courtney) and Mervyn—a daughter (Alice Hilary Jane).

SCHOOLING.—On May 9th, 1974, to Susan (nee Drew) and Christopher Schooling—a sister (Clare) for Simon.

BIRTHDAYS

MARGARET CHAPMAN.—Many Happy Returns. All our Love, Alan, Carl and Stuart.

ROGERS.—Terry and Maggie have changed the name of their daughter, formerly Mary Cecilia to Mary-Rose Cecilia who is 1 year old today. Happy Birthday Rosie, love Mum, Dad, Sean and Patrick.

MARRIAGES

BANNISTER : FREEMAN.—On 3rd May, in Croydon, Christopher Francis Bannister to Hilary Anne Freeman.

DEATHS

BASSET.—On 9th May, 1974, at Frimley, Eileen, widow of Major-Gen. R. A. M. Basset, C.B., M.C. Funeral private. No letters, please.

BAXTER.—On 9th May, 1974, Evelyn Mary Baxter (nee Launer), The Grove, Upper Largo, Fife, wife of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Noel E. Baxter, of Gilston. Funeral private.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL.—On 9th May, suddenly and peacefully at 34 Launceston Place, W.8, James Gordon Akers, beloved husband of Dinah and dear son of Henrietta and the late L. G. Campbell.

CARVER.—On May 10th in London, [illegible], aged 70, Secretary General, International P.E.N. since 1951.

CHRISTIE.—On May 9th, 1974, in hospital, Rachel, aged 81, loved wife of the late Christie and dearly loved mother of Mary and Joan. Cremation Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday, 15th May, 11.30 a.m. No letters, please.

CONWAY.—On May 9th peacefully in her 102nd year, Ethel Julia, widow of Walter Conway, of Chester. Greatly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private at Four Elms, Kent.

COURAGE.—On May 4th, in South Africa, Peter Miles, M.C. and Bar, late 4th Dragoon Guards, aged 78.

DAVIS.—On the 10th May, 1974, peacefully in his eighty-fourth year, Thomas Frederick Davis, J.P., former Metropolitan Magistrate, loving Husband of Nora. Father of Malcolm and Grandfather of Mark and Julie. No flowers or letters please. Any donations to the Royal Masonic Hospital. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium Thursday, 16th May, 1974, at 3.00 p.m.

FINNEMORE.—On 10th May, 1974, at his home, 2 Charles Road, Handsworth, Sir Donald Finnemore, dear brother of Dorothy. Funeral service at The People's Chapel, Great King Street, Birmingham, on Wednesday, 15th May, at 12 noon. No flowers.

FORD.—On May 10th, 1974, Geoffrey Richard Ford, M.B., C.S., of Orchard Cottage, Wootton, Canterbury and formerly of Dartford, aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Jean and dear father of Sybil Spence, Diana Lee-Browne and Sally Moyes. Funeral Service at Wootton Church on Wednesday, 15th May at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

GILMOUR.—On May 4th, Marjorie, of Woodbridge, mother of John and Andrew.

JOFFE.—On 9th May, 1974, Dr Wally Joffe, of 17 Burgess Hill, N.W.2, president of the British Psychoanalytical Society, suddenly and unexpectedly. Deeply mourned by his wife, children, brother, family and many friends and colleagues. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Monday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

LAMPARD.—On April 8th at Colchester, Michael Edward, M.D., M.R.C.P., sometime scholar of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and of Kings College Hospital.—R.I.P.

MALLET. SABINA, wife of Anthony, on 7th May, 1974. Private cremation. Requiem Mass at Brompton Oratory, Saturday 18th May, at 10.30 a.m.

MENZIES-WILSON.—On 9th May, 1974, suddenly and peacefully, at Fotheringhay Lodge, Peterborough, James Robert, aged 82, dearly loved husband of Rita. Funeral Marholm Crematorium, Peterborough, Tuesday, 14th May, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

RANDALL.—On 9th May, peacefully, at Little Mount, Cookham Dean, Ashley Wynne, dear father of Pamela Guy Jones.

ROLT.—On May 9th at his home, Stanley Pontlarge, Winchcombe, Glos., Lionel Thomas Caswall Rolt. The funeral service will take place at Stanley Pontlarge Church, on Tuesday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m.

SNOWDEN.—On 9th May, 1974, peacefully after an illness borne with immense courage and faith, Marygold Fanny Clare, dear, dear wife of Robert and beloved mother of Clare, Anthony, Neil and Alan. Funeral service at Hampstead Parish Church, 3.30, Monday, 13th May. No flowers but donations to Doctor David Skeggs Appeal Fund, Royal Free Hospital, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

STRACHAN, ROBERT (Robin) **HARVEY,** Director, McGill/Queen's University Press, Montreal and Kingston, Canada. At Las Palmas de Grand Canaria, Canary Islands, on Tuesday, April 16, 1974. Son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey Strachan, of Cambridge. Beloved husband of Katharine Neelands Strachan, Montreal, father of Janet (Mrs David Cameron) and Robert D. M., both of Toronto. Brother of Ada (Mrs. Ambrose Rowse) and uncle of Anthony and the late David Rowse, of London. Burial in Las Palmas.

TEMPLETOWN.—On 30th April, 1974, peacefully, in hospital, Alleyne, wife of Viscount Templetown, The Holme, Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrightshire, and only surviving daughter of the late H. L. Conran, R.N.

TERRY. CYNTHIA JUNE TERRY, dear wife of Oswald Terry, on 10th May, 1974, after a long and painful illness borne with the greatest courage. No flowers, or letters, please. Funeral private.

THOMSON.—On Friday, May 10th, 1974, peacefully, at the Sefton Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man, Andrew Douglas, dearly loved husband of Bernice (Nice). Service and cremation at Douglas Borough Crematorium, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14th. Flowers in sprays, please, to K. K. Peare, Funeral Directors Ltd., Westminster Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man.

TORRENS. LOUISE.—On May 9th, 1974, peacefully, at Bedford Hospital. Service Wednesday, 15th May, 10.45 a.m., at St. Neots Church.

VENNER.—On the 9th May, 1974, after a long illness, Percivale Kingsford Venner, aged 80, of "The Orchards", Ragged Appleshaw, Andover, Hampshire (late Rector of Abbotts Ann, Andover). Funeral at Abbotts Ann Church, on Monday, 13th May, at 2.15. Flowers to the church.

WARDEN.—On May 9th, peacefully, at Ballbrook Nursing Home, Bath, Frances Muriel, aged 90, wife of the late Lt.-Col. Hugh Fawcett Warden, D.S.O. Funeral private. No letters, please.

WASEY.—On May 10th, suddenly, at Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Evelyn Mary Wasey, of Sellens Farm, Cross-in-Hand, Sussex. Sadly missed by her family and her many friends. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 16th of May.

WRIGLEY.—On 9th May, 1974, after a short life of 21 days, at University College Hospital. Much wanted son of Joanna and Noel.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,684

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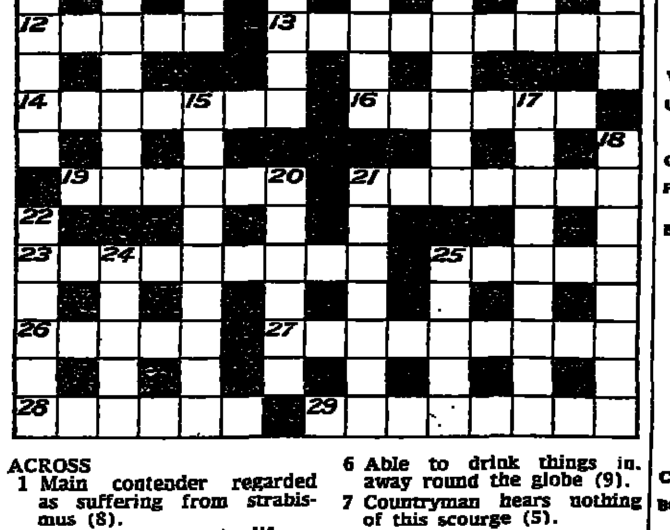

ACROSS
1 Main contender regarded as suffering from strabismus (8).
5 Boy gets a start in life as a beastly scavenger (6).
10 Persian seer returns lightweight bird for the oven (9).
11 Pass out of court, with South and North wings (5).
12 Peer or coin of the realm? (5).
13 Such conditions make tin car act strangely (9).
14 "—— grim and ancient raven" (Poe) (7).
16 Constant companion for one walking out (6).
19 Unable to control course of publicity squabble (6).
21 Macavity's supporter picking chestnuts (4-3).
23 Music group with key part in Oriflamme for instance (9).
25 Save about one pound for this being erected (5).
26 Stand-in priest holding a place in Rome (5).
27 Outline a silly rebuke (9)
28 Laurence's sainted sea eagle (6).
29 Crafty spy about to change an instrument (8).

DOWN
1 Twelve beheaded in a cage for cheating (8).
2 Box-maker Denry Machin has embarked (9).
3 A way to get out of the Geneva Declaration (5).
4 Where in a river the flow is upstream (7).
6 Able to drink things in, away round the globe (9).
7 Countryman hears nothing of this scourge (5).
8 Diana's madness? (6).
9 Grand Indian instrument sent up without charge (6).
15 Danny Boy for instance, grown up in old Palestine? (9).
17 By no means unique type of bridge (9).
18 Chirpy enough, if rather weak and shaky (8).
20 Hammer thrower has a number attached to his chest (6).
21 Stops, do we hear, their payment? (7).
22 Dagger ruins the blouse (6).
24 In North Carolina one governor has a recess (5).
25 No tower of silence (5).

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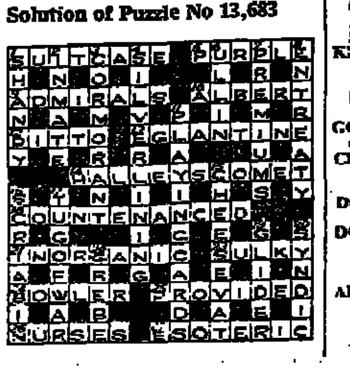

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRICKWOOD. Sir Rupert Redvers, Bart.—A memorial service will be held for Sir Rupert Redvers Brickwood at the Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Portsmouth at noon on Thursday, 30th May.

WINSLOW. Rev. J. C., founder of the Christa Seva Sangha. Memorial Service 12 noon today, Saturday 11th May, 1974, at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1. Celebrant Br. Michael S.S.F., preacher Rev. Leonard Schiff.

WYNCH.—A memorial service for Wilfred Alexander Dave Wynch will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Topsham, Devon, at 2.30 p.m., Wednesday, 15 May.

IN MEMORIAM

BOISSIER.—In proud remembrance of Sub-Lieut. John Richard Boissier, R.N.V.R., and crew of H.M. M.G.B. 2001, who lost their lives at sea, May 12th, 1945.

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NICHOLLS, CAPT. F. R. J.—Killed in action Burma, 1942. His courage, integrity and leadership inspired us—then and now.—Inserted by his men.

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CORAZZA. JOE.—Treasured memories of my darling husband who died May 12th, 1965. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.—Nell.

LUKE.—In ever loving memory of my brother, Sir Harry Luke, K.C.M.G., D.Litt., died 1969.—Lily.

PORTAGO. MARQUES DE.—In memory of "Fon", killed in the 1957 Mille Miglia Motor Race, May 12, 1957, aged 28, only son of Olga Martin Montis.

ROWLANDSON, ANNIE FRANCES.—In every loving memory of my dearly loved mother who passed away May 12, 1951. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."—Graham.

SHORNEY. ALFRED BOYDEN, 14 Mar., 1894–11 May, 1973. Integer vitae scelerisque purus. God gave us seventy-nine years which was more than we deserved.

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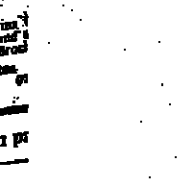

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